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Volunteers of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services give tips to control blood sugar levels during a clinic outreach yesterday on Capital Hill. See story on Page 2

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REPORTER

Construction of the Puerto Rico Park is nearing completion and it is expected to open on Christmas Day. The project began in March last year and experienced some delays after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan in August 2015.

Installation of the protective covering on the west side, solar pathway lights, trellis structure on the top deck, and construction of an access road on the west side, restroom facility, and slope revetment are the only remaining work that needs to

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MVA: Crimes vs tourists dropping

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Based on reports by tour agents, crimes being committed against tourists have showed a significant decline, according to Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion.

"We have noticed that the crime rates against tourists have dropped, which is a good thing. However, it still happens occasionally," said Concepcion. "The MVA still receives reports from tour companies saying that their clients would go to a secluded tourist site such as Tank Beach, Wing Beach, or somewhere not highly fre-

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AP Exclusive: US ignored rising-sea warnings at radar site

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—The U.S. Air Force is spending nearly $1 billion to build a radar installation that will help keep astronauts and satellites safe by tracking pieces of space junk as small as a baseball. That is, if global warming doesn't get in the way.

The Space Fence is being constructed on a tiny atoll in the Marshall Islands that scientists say could be regularly swamped by rising seas within a couple of decades as a result

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21,400 BALLOTS CAME IN

CEC to mail 1,563 absentee ballots

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The Commonwealth Election Commission staff completed early yesterday morning packaging the 1,564 absentee ballots shortly after 21,400 ballots came in.

CEC is expected to mail the absen-

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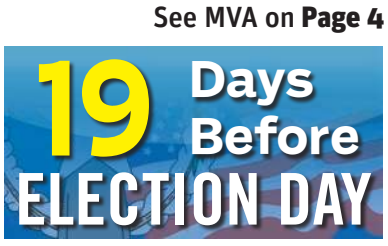

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Clinical outreach program on Capital Hill

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Joy Songsong, Breast and Cervical Screening program coordinator, along with members of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, conducted a clinical outreach on Capital Hill yesterday to make time for men and women who have a hard time finding the occasion to get themselves checked.

The clinical outreach program started at 7:30am all the way to 4pm.

"Today and for the next week we are going to be setting up breast cancer outreach clinics doing clinical breast exams but we'll also be offering blood pressure and blood sugar checks for men. We are trying to reach the working women who always have a hard time getting out for work to get checked, so we decided to bring the clinic to them," said Songsong.

Songsong said that the main goal of the clinical outreach is to target working women and try to detect breast lumps as early as possible for the highest possible success rate of treatment.

"We're also doing weight, nutrition, Pap smear, and the different programs that are available," said Songsong. "We also offer family planning services, but for today they weren't able to make it. They would be able to make on the other days."

Family planning is a program that provides services to women of child bearing age. The main goal of the program is to assist women who are looking to have children and make sure that the mother is healthy enough to bear children.

The DFEMS, Commonwealth Cancer Association, Aircraft Rescue Firefighters, Marianas Health Services, American Red Cross, and the Triathlon Association of the CNMI are helping one another to set up the clinics throughout the week.

The next setup is on Thursday, across the fire station on Capital Hill, from 8am to 11:30am.

UNITY DAY

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month, Unite Against Bullying has been recognized in the United States since 2011. To participate in Unity Day, individuals, schools, communities, and businesses wear or display orange to show support for students who have been bullied. Photo shows Hopwood Middle School students participating in Unity Day by wearing orange.

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 03, 2016
5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
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A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 9/19/2016 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-2977: Lin Xin Corporation is proposing to occupy an existing building to operate a Tailor Shop and Hair Salon. This use is classified as "Personal Service" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Chalan Kanoa on Lot 018 H 18. It is zoned as Village Residential.

Rezone Application #2016-3251: Mr. Joaquin M. Manglona is requesting to rezone Lot 001 H 06 in Susupe from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial" zoning district to construct a two or three storey hotel facility.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3675 (Amendment): Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp. dba Ocean Vista Resort is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2014-4028 to change parking layout, increase number of parking, increase number of rooms, and elimination of proposed villas. This use is classified as "Hotel/Resort" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Capitol Hill along Isa Drive on Lots TR 21687, H328-4 & H328-1. It is zoned as Rural.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3684: Lyn's BBQ is proposing to operate a BBQ stand and pearl shake shop. This use is classified as "Restaurant, General" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Jose on Lot 002 F 24. It is zoned as Village Residential.

Conditional Use Application #2016-3704: Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC. is proposing to utilize a property as a secondary landing strip for their skydiving activities. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Kagman on Lot 010 G 18. It is zoned as Public Resource.

C. Communication

D. Old Business
1. Proposed changes to the Zoning Fees

E. New Business
1. H.S. Lee Construction Co., Inc.'s Zoning Variance Application No. 2016-3421 for parking
2. Extension request of Lee Young Chul's Conditional Use Permit No. 2015-1151

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

Paul Murphy submits $1,886 in costs

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U.S. Army Ranger veteran Paul A. Murphy has submitted in federal court a bill that shows he incurred $1,886.06 in filing a lawsuit to stop the enforcement of some provisions of the Commonwealth Weapons Control Act and the newly enacted Special Act for Firearms and Enforcement.

In his bill of costs filed on Tuesday, Murphy said he spent $1,046.06 for "other costs" and $840 for the fees of the clerk, fees for service of summons and subpoenas, and fees and disbursement for printing.

In itemizing the "other costs," Murphy said he lost 32 hours at $18.58 per hour, for a total of $594.56 in annual leave/time for case related issues and hearings.

He said he paid $201.50 in fees related to firearms applications and $250 for his flight to Guam to place his firearm in the Guam DPS Armory.

In an order last Sept. 28, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona awarded costs to Murphy for bringing the lawsuit and ordered him to file an accounting itemizing any costs he spent in filing the case.

Manglona, however, denied Murphy's request for legal fees. As a pro se plaintiff, he is not entitled to an award of attorney's fees in a civil rights action.

The CNMI government is liable to pay Murphy's costs.

In that same Sept. 28 ruling, Manglona declared unconstitutional the $1,000 excise tax on pistols and several provisions that the CNMI imposed under the newly enacted SAFE.

Manglona's ruling favored most of the challenges that Murphy raised in his lawsuit that challenged certain provisions of the Commonwealth's Weapons Control Act and SAFE.

A teacher, Murphy filed the lawsuit pro se or without a lawyer.

Manglona said the Murphy has valiantly pursued all lawful efforts to protect and defend his rights in a community where the voice of the majority can often overpower the equally important rights of the minority.

In the midst of Murphy's litigation, Manglona issued a ruling favorable to U.S. Navy veteran David J. Radich and his wife, who prevailed in their lawsuit that challenged the constitutionality of some provisions of the CNMI's gun control law. The ruling struck down the Commonwealth's ban on handguns.

Last month, Manglona granted the request of the Radich couple for payment to their two lawyers of attorney's fees and expenses for prevailing in their lawsuit. Manglona awarded the Radich couple a total of $101,638.62 in attorney's fees and court costs instead of the requested $103,913.83.

Manglona awarded the couple's attorney's fees in the amount of $78,375 for attorney David G. Sigale's work and $15,120 for Daniel T. Guidotti's work, for a total of $93,495. The judge also awarded costs in the amount of $8,143.62.

The CNMI government was given 30 days from the order to pay the couple the total fees and costs.

Munson dismisses Neal lawsuit

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson dismissed with prejudice yesterday the discrimination lawsuit filed by former acting chief prosecutor Shelli Neal against the CNMI government.

Munson ordered the dismissal of Neal's case and all claims pursuant to the parties' request following their irrevocable settlement.

Dismissal with prejudice means Neal can no longer refile the lawsuit.

The court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement deal between the parties. Each party bore its own attorneys' fees and costs.

Neal, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, has moved to dismiss her case and all claims because of the settlement.

The Office of the Attorney General and Guidotti informed the court during a settlement conference last Oct. 11 that the government settled without admitting any fault, liability, or wrongdoing. The parties agreed that the settlement deal will be filed under seal.

The OAG was the original defendant in Neal's lawsuit. Neal amended her lawsuit and named only the CNMI government as defendant.

Neal alleged, among other things, that male prosecutors revealed confidential information to opposing lawyers regarding her cases in an effort to sabotage the cases and results.

Neal, who is African-American, also alleged that a then-chief prosecutor called her a "bitch" on several occasions and allowed white male employees to engage in discussions of a sexual nature in front of her and other female employees.

She demanded payment for back pay and damages to exceed $25,000. She also wants to be reinstated to her previous position as chief prosecutor.

Emergency water outage set

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. said there will be a water outage in the villages of Upper San Vicente, portions of South San Vicente, Katbon Road, Bentana Drive, and Lao Lao Bay Drive on Friday, Oct. 21, 2016, from 9am to 1pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., to inter-connect the new Sailing Drive water main to the existing water lateral. The contractor will be disconnecting the portion of the existing lateral that is to be abandoned in place and connecting the existing pipe to the new pipe through a valve and fittings. The affected area includes: Sailing Drive, Exchange Lane, Pution Lane, Pulan Land, and Mapagahes Lane.

This project is part of the Sailing Drive 8-inch waterline extension project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/). ***(CUC)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Live off-island guest performers and ukulele workshop at JKPL

Off-island guest performers JazzoomCafe from Japan and Blues Lee from Korea will be performing live at Joeten-Kiyu Public Library this Friday, Oct. 21, 2016, from 4pm to 4:30pm. We would like to invite all ukulele enthusiasts and the public to visit JKPL and listen to these two awesome guest performers. They will also conduct a ukulele workshop on this day, so bring your ukuleles! Don't miss out, come visit! For more information, contact (670) 235-7322/7323. ***(PR)***

MHS PTA meeting set

Marianas High School will be holding its PTA meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at the school counseling office, starting at 6pm. ***(PR)***

BOE searching for new commissioner

The Board of Education met yesterday at the Federal Programs Office conference room on Capital Hill with the agenda of appointing a new Commissioner of Education.

The special board meeting started at 9:30am but as soon as the public comments ended, the board immediately moved into an executive session, which is off-limits to the public.

Ultimately, the board has yet to publicly announce anything about the upcoming selection.

The last education commissioner was Dr. Rita Sablan.

Board chair Herman T. Guerrero said that nothing significant was brought up during yesterday's meeting.

"Nothing really to tell. Not all board members have previews of [the] application. Everything is confidential at this time," said Guerrero.

The Board of Education would be conducting a regular board meeting some time soon, in which an update in the form of a statement would most likely be made. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

Judge acquits guard accused of stalking former girlfriend

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho acquitted yesterday a security guard of charges that he was stalking his former common-law wife despite a court order requiring him to stay away from her.

At a bench trial, Camacho said he is not convinced that when 48-year-old Hari Talukdar made brief contact with the alleged victim it was with the intention of violating the court's order of protection and for the purpose of unlawfully disturbing her peace.

"The government has failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Hari Talukdar's brief contact was unlawful," he said.

In granting Talukdar's motion for judgment of acquittal, Camacho found him not guilty of disturbing the peace and violating an order of protection charges.

The judge said he does not tolerate domestic violence. However, he said the question is whether Talukdar, who is a security guard that is required to drive from one location to another and chances upon a person briefly, was guilty of violating an order of protection and disturbing the peace.

"A marriage license is not a guarantee to a happy life. Some couples argue and bicker about everything," he said.

In this case, Camacho said, the alleged victim has been arrested and even detained at the Department of Corrections.

Camacho said the alleged victim obtained a temporary restraining order from Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo against Talukdar.

The judge noted that Govendo's order does not include a distance such as the typical 200 feet normally found in TROs.

He said the TRO also does not include conditions that Talukdar "shall not molest, attack, strike, threaten, sexually assault, batter, telephone or disturb the peace" of the petitioner and that Talukdar "shall not make any direct or indirect contact" with her.

In this case, Camacho said, Talukdar is required to drive from one location to another as part of his job as a security guard in a company.

The judge said it takes very little effort to simply wait a few hours on a known route for the alleged victim to meet with Talukdar as he makes his rounds.

At the trial, assistant attorney general Shannon Foley, counsel for the government, called a police officer and the alleged victim.

Police officer Maverick Saures testified that he responded to an emergency call in Chalan Kanoa, where he met the alleged victim last May 25 at 11pm. The alleged victim testified that she was detained for four days earlier this year by Talukdar, her then-boyfriend of five years.

After she was released, she initiated proceedings to obtain a TRO against Talukdar.

She testified that on May 25 she was at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7pm and as she was walking to her car, she saw Talukdar about 25 feet away.

She said she immediately turned around and went back to her car and left. She testified that she does not know if Talukdar was already at the cathedral before she went there.

Later that same night, she testified that she and Talukdar's friend went for a ride to Saipan airport field, where she saw his car drive by at the field.

She said that as she drove to Dandan area, she got to a traffic light, where she saw Talukdar in the other lane.

She said she rolled down her car's window and shouted at Talukdar, but he did not reply and instead drove off in another direction.

She testified that she drove to Mt. Carmel Cathedral and parked her car at about 9pm that same day. While sitting in the car for two hours, she stated that she saw Talukdar driving by.

She said Talukdar never stopped or interacted with her. She then called the police.

After the alleged victim's testimony, Foley informed the court that the government rested.

Attorney Cong Nie and Michael Dotts, court-appointed counsel for Talukdar, then moved for judgment of acquittal.

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of climate change. The salt water could play havoc with the equipment, the scientists say.

And The Associated Press found that neither the military nor its contractor, Lockheed Martin, gave serious consideration to that threat when designing the installation and choosing a site, despite warnings from the island nation's environmental agency.

The future "does not look good for a lot of these islands," said Curt Storlazzi, an oceanographer with the U.S. Geological Survey who is leading a study at Kwajalein Atoll, where the Space Fence complex is being built.

Dana Whalley, a civilian who is managing the Space Fence program, said that the radar installation has a projected lifespan of 25 years and that he doesn't expect sea levels to rise enough over that period to cause a problem. But if necessary, he said, the base could take steps to improve its seawalls.

Still, because of budget pressures, military equipment is often used well beyond its projected lifespan. In fact, a key part of the radar tracking system that the Space Fence replaces was built during the dawn of the space age and was badly outdated by the time it was shut down 50 years later in 2013.

Midway between Hawaii and Australia, the Marshall Islands are specks of land that typically poke just a few feet above the Pacific Ocean, making them some of the world's most vulnerable places to rising seas.

The U.S. military has a longstanding connection to the islands. Bikini Atoll was used as a nuclear test site after World War II. Kwajalein Atoll, a battle site during the war, is now an Army base, a ballistic missile test site and an important part of the military's space surveillance network.

The growing problem of space debris was highlighted in 2009, when an old Russian satellite smashed into a commercial U.S. satellite, creating hundreds of pieces of orbiting junk. The 2013 movie "Gravity" dramatized the threat to astronauts, who need to be safe from debris whether they're traveling on the International Space Station or in a rocket.

Lockheed Martin won the $915 million Space Fence contract in 2014 and broke ground last year. When the radar system becomes operational in late 2018, it should increase the number of objects that can be tracked tenfold to about 200,000 and provide more precise information on their orbits.

The Space Fence installation will include digital transmitters and receivers as well as power and cooling facilities. About 15 people will operate and maintain it around the clock.

The military chose the Marshall Islands because the Space Fence works best near the equator. But it means the installation is being built just 10 feet (3 meters) above sea level, or the height of a basketball hoop.

Storlazzi said his study explored the point at which storms will cause the sea to wash clear across an island, completely submerging it, at least once a year. He said that's when an island will no longer be able to sustain most plant or animal life.

He examined one island within Kwajalein Atoll and found that it will probably reach its tipping point within a few decades. He said the island on which the Space Fence is being built faces a similar threat.

The flooding there will probably damage power cables, sewer lines and other electronics and hardware, he said. The seawater will erode land, he said, and eat away at everything from concrete to cars.

CHRISTMAS

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be done.

Construction of the access road and installation of the solar lights and trellis structure have been 80 percent completed while the slope revetment is halfway through.

The park's drainage system, earthwork—that includes backfill, foundation, and liner system—putting of monitoring probes for gas and groundwater, and the removal of H-piles have already been completed by Black Micro Corp. since the project began on March 25, 2015.

The area is a former dock facility that was constructed by the U.S. military after World War II, but became a scrap metal dump as the years went by. It was used as Saipan's dumpsite since 1953 before operations stopped in 2003 and the facility was closed permanently a few years after.

The project to convert it into a park was awarded around 2014 after all issues regarding the planned construction of the park was settled—like protests and design.

The winning contractor immediately began with the demolition and removal of the H-piles at the Tanapag Lagoon, the clearing and grubbing of more than 20 acres of dump, the placement and grading of the landfill cover, construction of the access road and restroom facility, and slope revetment.

An earthen foundation layer, geomembrane, and geocomposite and geotextile membrane liners, protective cover and topsoil, and landscaping are included on the landfill cover.

A storm water protection system—energy dissipators, ditches, channels, and stilling basin—and landfill perimeter gas collection and monitoring probes, seat walls, and groundwater monitoring system have also been installed.

The U.S. Department of the Interior funded the project that costs $21,994,872.81 and was originally scheduled to be completed on Nov. 23.

Once completed the park will provide another recreation area for the community and tourists. The park's pedestrian walkway will also connect the Smiling Cove Marina to downtown Garapan.

CEC

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tee ballots either today, Thursday, or on Friday, according to CEC administrative officer Kayla S. Igitol.

The Office of the Public Auditor has to examine the ballots before mailing them out.

Of 1,564 absentee ballots, one such voter picked up the ballot at CEC yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Of 1,564 absentee voters, CEC has found 85 of them to be "nonresident voters" or "dual voters."

CEC, however, is still going to send ballots to those 85 because they don't want to take away their right to vote.

A CEC administrative officer will conduct a voter removal hearings and voter challenges.

After the ballots arrived at the CEC office in Susupe Tuesday at 11:30am, CEC later conducted an inventory of the ballots.

CEC staff led by executive director Julita A. Villagomez then processed the absentee ballots until 2:30am yesterday.

There are 17,936 registered ballots. CEC paid $27,000 to the Election Systems and Software from Nebraska for the cost of printing the ballots, site support, ballot layout, and ballot coding.

MVA

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quented. They leave their car, go to the beach and come back to the car, only to find a shattered window with their wallets missing."

Concepcion said it is definitely something that should not be dismissed. "Of course, that's a concern for us. We are confident that our partners at the [Department of Public Safety] are able to effectively crack down on these types of crimes," he said.

Concepcion said that safety is one of the many marketing tools being utilized by MVA to effectively lure in tourists, which then proceed to improve the CNMI economy.

"We really work hard when we go overseas to market ourselves as a clean and safe destination. We're part of the U.S., so we use that as one of our marketing tools because it's popular. Tourists, knowing that they are going to a part of the U.S., have this sense of security that they are not going to a Third World nation in which something bad may happen to them at any time," said Concepcion.

He reiterated that crimes against tourists are slowly dwindling and that the community must be on the alert for such situations, because the safety of tourists guarantees that the CNMI economy flourishes.

"We hope that our efforts [showcasing Saipan] as a safe, clean, and beautiful destination are met when tourists come here. For the most part, it's been very good. I have not seen much reports of crimes against tourists, but we will always be vigilant and make sure that we protect these visitors because they are what fuels our economy," said Concepcion.

"At the same time, we would work effectively to put out a positive image as a safe, clean, and beautiful paradise in the Pacific," he added.

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Johoku High School students visit MBA

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Students from Hiroshima's Johoku High School, in coordination with Saipan Mayor Dave Apatang and Saipan Business Language Institute's Ikuo Yoshizawa, visited Marianas Baptist Academy during their annual Saipan visit on Tuesday.

Matt Branch, Integrated Studies Program teacher, group leader, and Department of International Understanding head, said a new group of students come and visit Saipan every year. They come here for nature experience, peace education, and career education.

From left, Johoku High School teacher Hiroko Yasukata and Marianas Baptist Academy middle and high school science teacher Eleanor Alejo pose for a picture as the Japanese and local students mingle with one another through origami at the MBA campus. ERWIN ENCINARES

"It is important because the students get to experience the home stay. They get to use English as a real live medium of communication. Another thing is the history between this country and Japan, Hiroshima in particular with the atomic bomb, so peace education in particular is important," he said.

Having lived in Japan for 16 years and taught at Johoku for nine years, Branch thinks that language is only a barrier and that the students have the choice to pursue a higher education based on English.

"Today, language may be a barrier, but communication still occurs through body language, gestures, and the motivation to communicate, so those types of feelings bubble up within the students and they want to communicate. They begin to understand that English is a tool as opposed to being a subject that you have to learn in school," said Branch.

According to him, there is a certain sense of welcoming that comes from Saipan that cannot be felt elsewhere.

"The trip to Saipan is always fantastic. Everybody is always welcoming, and the students have a wonderful experience here. With home stay, they always come back with positive feedback about the home stay, and the students maintain constant contact with the families," he said.

Johoku High School principal Mitsuhiko Iwamoto thinks that being involved on a global scale is beneficial to the students.

"I believe that global awareness is very important for those that are in the 21st century. I do hope my students learn foreign languages, foreign culture, and the foreign lifestyle. I think that one of the very important things when it comes to the global mindset is to understand the differences of one another. That is very important to my students. I do hope that they learn that," said Iwamoto.

Johoku High School students along with students of the Marianas Baptist Academy pose for a group photo on Tuesday at the MBA campus. ERWIN ENCINARES

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THE CNMI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING

MORATORIUM NOTICE
on

N.M.I. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 80 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUB-CHAPTER 80-20.1 EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS § 80-20.1-210 (C) (3) Exemptions from Workforce Participation § 80-20.1-215 (b) Particular Construction Project. Exemptions issued prior to this notice remains in effect until their expiration date.

This moratorium notice shall be in effect until such time that the CNMI Secretary of Labor publishes a new notice on this matter.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
Lin Xin Corporation

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Lin Xin Corporation is proposing to occupy an existing building to operate a Tailor Shop and Hair Salon. This use is classified as "Personal Service" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Chalan Kanoa on Lot 018 H 18. It is zoned as Village Residential.

Date: November 03, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, November 02, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC.

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC. is proposing to utilize a property as a secondary landing strip for their skydiving activities. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Kagman on Lot 010 G 18. It is zoned as Public Resource.

Date: November 03, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Fl. Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

Garapan's Katori Jingu Shrine is vandalized

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

The newly painted Saipan Katori Jingu Shrine and newly painted prayer house were recently desecrated with graphic images by still unknown suspect or suspects.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang called for respect, especially since the annual Autumn Festival hosted by the Japanese Society of Northern Marianas at the Sugar King Park, is just a few days a way.

Saipan Mayor's Office operations director Joann T. Aquino said that their efforts are all for naught if the lack of respect is prevalent.

"We're doing our best along with [the Marianas Visitors Authority] to beautify the parks, and Mayor Apatang is asking for the public's cooperation in helping us to deter these actions from happening. Help us beautify the park and just respect the shrine," Aquino said.

"We wish this won't happen again, because the [Katori Jingu Shrine Ceremony and annual Autumn Festival] is taking place on Saturday," he added.

Had the Saipan Mayor's Office decided not to clean up the site, the vandalized property could have gone unnoticed up to the day of the Autumn Festival itself.

"We have to repaint over it again. We would have to rehire the contractor and go over it again in preparation for this Saturday. The only thing we can do is to inform the public of what happened today," said Aquino.

Saipan Mayor's Office safety officer Mac Chargualaf has already reported the incident to the authorities.

"We're having the ceremony this Saturday at the Katori Jingu Shrine, before the annual Japanese Festival, starting 11am onwards," said Aquino, who seemed to cheer up a little when asked about the event.

The prayer house is a popular vandalism site, having been vandalized multiple times in the past.

Saipan Tribune has tried to get the sentiments of Japanese Consul Toshio Matsumura but he has yet to issue a statement about the issue.

ERWIN ENCINARES
The back of the Saipan Katori Shrine is desecrated with graphic images.

Dracula play at PIC

The Mount Carmel Theatre Club will be staging the Bram Stoker classic, *Dracula,* at the Pacific Islands Club on Oct. 21 and 22, with doors opening at 6:30pm.

The director of the play is Brianna Hunter. Jaqueline Doctor is the stage manager, Elijah Camacho is floor manager, Rosa Castro is art director, Erika Mendiola is business manager, You Jin Kim is tech director, and William Blake Deleon Guerrero is the soundboard operator.

This will be Hunter's first foray as play director. She has been with the MCH Theatre Club since she was in 8th grade.

"Before this I have never been a crewmember, I've always just acted in plays. Every once in a while, they [Theatre Club] think that switching things up such as having actors becoming directors. So it was really cool that I was given this opportunity," she said.

Zeno Deleon Guerrero Jr. will play the role of Dracula. The rest of the cast are Abraham Van Helsing played by Michael Ortizo, Dr. Seward played by Jeff Matthew Melchor, John Harker played by Jose Castro, R. M. Renfield played by Kelvin Cepeda, Lucy Seward played by Monica Aira Usi, Mrs. Wells played by Jonelle Toskas, and Butterworth played by William Minami.

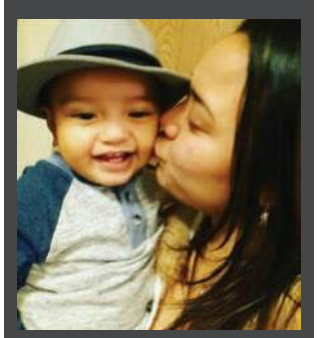
The art crew is composed of Andrea Bang, Risa Hirayama, Cassidy Torre, Kayla Sabla, Antonia Reye, Angel Miki Takayama, and Keona Camacho.

The floor crew members are Joseph Muna, John Diego Masga, Edward Minam, Jacob Sablan, Jan Travilla, and Karleen Reyes.

Tickets to the show are $15 for premium seats and $5 for general admission. The play will be held at Charley's Cabaret in PIC. Tickets will be available at the Mount Carmel School Business Office. Due to mature content, adult discretion is advised. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit mountcarmelsaipan.com.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, president of Mount Carmel School and founder of MCS Theatre Club, established the club in 1996. ***(Michael Santos)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday, my boy Fabian! The most precious memories and the happiest moments of my life would always revolve around you. Know that you will always be close to my heart. I love and miss you so much!

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11 students to get $26,948 scholarship funds

First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* will award a total of $26,948 in scholarships to 11 students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. Seven students from Guam and four students from Saipan will be the recipients of the First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* magazine Businesswoman of the Year scholarship awards.

Since 2006, the program has awarded a total of $207,377 in scholarships to deserving students in the community. Funds for the scholarships are raised through the annual Businesswoman of the Year gala. This year's event was held on April 30, 2016. In addition to raising funds for these scholarships, the annual event recognizes women who make a difference in business.

Scholarships presentations to Guam students will be at 10am on Oct. 24 at the First Hawaiian Bank Maite Banking Cente.

Scholarship presentations to Saipan students will be at 2pm on Oct. 24 at the Northern Marianas College boardroom. ***(PR)***

Tinian schools push through with projects

With the passage of Public Law 19-31 wherein the CNMI Legislature authorized the Public School System to enter into a loan agreement for up to $5 million, the Tinian Legislative Delegation worked to include the pavement of the roads and parking lots at the Tinian Elementary School and the Tinian Head Start. The unpaved roads and parking lots have been a longstanding issue that will now be resolved. The Tinian Elementary School parking lot project will cost approximately $267, 890 and has the A&E design 100 percent complete and was formally approved by the Board of Education on Aug. 25. This project will go out to bid together with the Tinian Head Start Road and parking lot project.

The Tinian Head Start road and parking lot project will cost about $100,000. The A&E sesign is in progress and, upon completion, will be announced for bid as well.

As a result of the authorization given to PSS by PL 19-31 and the work of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, these longstanding projects will finally be done. ***(PR)***

Autumn festival highlight of tour

The Mid-Autumn Festival celebrated by residents of many Asian countries attracted both media and consumers from China to the Northern Marianas this year for a four-day familiarization tour highlighted by a sunset dinner cruise on festival day.

The tour was organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and is expected to bring an estimated $131,000 in ad exposure to the Northern Marianas via various media outlets.

"The Mid-Autumn Festival is like Thanksgiving in the U.S.," explained MVA marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, who accompanied the media during their tour. "Family and friends get together to celebrate this special day. We watch the moon, eat moon cakes, and have a party!"

The cruise entertained guests with quiz games, dancing, the participation of key opinion leader Baozou Sisters, a professional emcee from Chinese television, and eventually the appearance of the highly-anticipated full moon from behind dark clouds.

"We heard from Saipan Travel Inc. that there were actually many more tourists who wanted to join the party, but the boat could only board about 120 people," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, who also welcomed and mingled with guests at the party. "We plan to hold a third mid-autumn festival party next year as well, and will continue to build the event from there as long as there is demand."

Participating media included magazine *China Travel Agent,* Southern Airline in-flight magazine *Gateway*, Guandong region-targeting website Gd.qq.com, online and radio outlet Baozou Sisters, key opinion leader Han Yu, and *Nanfang Metropolis Daily* newspaper.

Additional experiences in the Northern Marianas to be featured include: an island tour, shopping, marine sports, Managaha, an ATV jungle tour, stargazing, sunset watching, scuba diving, self-driving tour, and seafood dinners at Saipan Grandvrio and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. The group lodged at Saipan Grandvrio during their tour. ***(MVA)***

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION CLASS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

McDonald's recently conducted a two-day Leadership Transition Class for all their managers to update their skills and help them effectively transition into their role as leaders within the restaurant. The class was conducted by the McDonald's Corp. Regional Training Lead from Honolulu Hawaii at Pacific Islands Club's Napu Room. Standing from left, Jocelyn R. Asistores, Julieta Jones, Ruthzel Perez, Rowena Ulu, Mable Ayuyu, Jamie Rose Bartolome, Carihna Solomon, president/owner Jose C. Ayuyu, Angelica Darlucio, Christine Vecina, Gisel Achas, Justice Andon, Kisina Hossain and owner/operator Marcia E. Ayuyu. Front row, from left, Manolito Corpuz, Narlou Achas, Michael Morales, Donivan Mendiola, Joseph Achas, and Sergio Achas.

MVA

Chinese media and tourists celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, with a sunset dinner cruise on Sept. 15, 2016.

MVA

Chinese key opinion leaders Baozou Sisters, right, join Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion, second from left, and MVA marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, left, aboard the Mid-Autumn Festival sunset cruise on Sept. 15, 2016.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone) for Joaquin M. Manglona

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Joaquin M. Manglona is requesting to rezone Lot 001 H 06 in Susupe from "Village Residential" to "Village Commercial" zoning district to construct a two or three storey hotel facility.
A public hearing will be held on:

Date: November 03, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd Floor, Joeten Dan Dan Commercial Building

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, November 02, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for Lyn's BBQ

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Lyn's BBQ is proposing to operate a BBQ stand and pearl shake shop. This use is classified as "Restaurant, General" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in San Jose on Lot 002 F 24. It is zoned as Village Residential.

Date: November 03, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
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Joeten Dandan Comm'l Bldg.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp. dba Ocean Vista Resort

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp. dba Ocean Vista Resort is proposing to amend their Conditional Use Permit No. 2014-4028 to change parking layout, increase number of parking, increase in rooms, and elimination of proposed villas. This use is classified as "Hotel/Resort" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Capitol Hill along Isa Drive on Lots TR 21687, H328-4 & H328-1. It is zoned as Rural.

Date: November 03, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

San Nicolas pushes conversion of old Japanese building into office

The old Japanese building located near the San Jose Church is being proposed as the new Mayor's Office.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas and the island's leadership have ongoing discussions relating plans to proceed with a project that will convert the old Japanese building on Tinian into the future Tinian Mayor's Office.

The old Japanese building was once used to house government departments such as the Tinian Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Historic Preservation Office. With the idea of consolidating the local government agencies into a "one-stop" location, San Nicolas and the Tinian leadership are hopeful that this plan will move forward in a timely manner.

This essentially will result in a savings for the municipality such as office space rentals. The estimated cost of the project is $860,000 and a "design build" approach is being explored.

With a "design build" approach, the municipality will receive a faster delivery on the project, cost savings, better quality, decreased administrative burden, reduced risk for the municipality, and reduced litigation claims.

With this project alongside current and future projects on Tinian, San Nicolas and the Tinian leadership hopes to continue the aggressive work to move Tinian forward. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 09:00 a.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY**
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
   3. Adoption of Agenda
   4. Adoption of Minutes October 1, 2016

II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**[1]

III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**[2]

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. To review letter of appeal

V. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**

VI. **SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

/S/ Antonio L. Borja
Chairman

[1] We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

[3] Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

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EDITORIAL

What about the debt?

If you're busy shielding impressionable children from one presidential candidate's sexual boasts, or busy being one of the other candidate's irredeemable deplorables, you may have missed this news: The Obama administration confirms that the government's annual budget deficits, which had declined since the close of the Great Recession, are rising again.

The deficit for the federal fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 was $587 billion. That's 34 percent higher than the previous year's deficit. When we peeked Tuesday at USDebtClock.org—a live-action website that delivers terrible news to despairing readers—our government's debt stood just north of $19.7 trillion. That's more than $60,600 for every man, woman and innocent child. Oh, and those numbers don't include the unfunded liabilities of entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare. Did you know that the number of Americans 65 and older will explode by almost 40 percent over the next decade?

So if we could interject one question into Wednesday night's final presidential debate of 2016, it would be this:

Secretary Clinton, Mr. Trump, you have children. Why aren't you scared?

We know these major-party candidates are blissful about Debt Mountain because each of them plans to increase its height. The nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget calculates that Hillary Clinton's policies would add $200 billion to the national debt over the next decade. She would raise tax revenue but devote that money to new spending, not to retiring debt. And Donald Trump? Because he would cut taxes, his policies would grow the national debt by $5.3 trillion over the same decade.

Here please add your screed of choice to this editorial. Among your options:

■ We wouldn't be in this fix if President Barack Obama hadn't been forced to clean up the economic debacle that started on George Bush's watch. If Obama and the Democratic Congress of his early years had spent more money to stimulate the economy, we'd have more jobs and more tax revenue today.

■ Obama has nearly doubled a national debt that was $10.6 trillion when he took office in January 2009. He's been spending all he can for eight years, the better to buy votes for himself and other Democratic candidates. When did you last hear him warn Americans about how this vast debt will constrict their children's futures?

■ Stop litigating how we got here. What matters is where we're headed. And with Clinton or Trump, the likely answer is: toward doom. In our next recession—it's sure to arrive, the only question is when—what will we do if the world gets nervous and stops buying U.S. government securities? Then what, big spenders?

During this campaign, Americans have heard next to nothing about these enormous obligations—debts taken in the name of taxpayers, and debts that taxpayers truly will have to repay. We'll listen Wednesday night for clues that Clinton or Trump cares in the least about this.

We'll also be mulling one of the Obama administration's disclosures in its acknowledgment of the fiscal 2016 deficit. Among the areas where spending is rising quickly: interest payments to investors, here and overseas, on that nearly $20 trillion national debt.

Which prompts another debate question: Can either of you suggest a less productive way than that for the U.S. government to spend taxpayers' dollars?

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Cancer

By RUSS MASON, M.S.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

For the better part of a decade, Russ Mason wrote for a medical journal, Alternative & Complementary Therapies. *His principal assignment was to interview a physician or other health care practitioner about new and important treatments, as well as diet and nutrition. Prior to that, he worked at NBC in New York for 16 years, often as a writer for their television programs.*

Cancer is not a disease you catch; you bring it on yourself—usually unknowingly, but not always.

For example, anyone who chews betel nut probably knows that it can cause oral cancer. Anybody who smokes probably knows that they risk lung cancer. These are clear-cut examples.

But what of someone who lives a clean life—no chewing or smoking—and still develops cancer?

Then you have to look at other causative factors such as junk food, sugar, canned meat, or any diet beverage. Diet plays a huge role into whether someone will develop cancer or not.

Acid/alkaline

Cancer thrives in an acid environment, but does not thrive if your body is alkaline. In fact, if your body is consistently alkaline, you may prevent cancer from germinating in the cells.

Trouble is, most of the foods we love and eat are acid-forming. That is meats, breads, soft drinks, burgers, pizza, sandwiches, pastries, candy, and crunchy snacks.

The good news is that there are alkaline-forming foods and other alkaline preventatives.

Most green vegetables are alkaline. Two good examples are celery and lettuce. But does anyone actually eat celery and lettuce? Compared to pizza, no.

Another good example is lemon or lime juice. Although they are acidic when you first cut open a lemon or lime, their action in the body is alkalizing. In other words, if you drink water with a squeeze of lemon or lime juice, this is very healthy. But does anybody actually drink fresh lemon water? Probably not.

Another suggestion (one I often write about) is baking soda. This is the cheapest and most effective cancer preventative there is. A one-pound box will cost you a dollar. Then you dissolve ½ teaspoon of baking soda into a glass of water.

If you do this once, or even twice, a day, you cut your risk of cancer significantly. But does anybody actually do this?

Sad news

There's a guy I know who works for one of the local companies on Saipan. I met him seven years ago and would see him every few months. Every time I saw the guy he had a betel nut in his cheek.

I would tease him, "Are you chewing betel nut, young man?" He would nod ruefully, almost embarrassed. But there was always a twinkle in his eye.

"I am going to buy you some bubble gum," I said. "You may rot your teeth out, but you won't die from chewing bubble gum."

Not long ago I visited the company where the guy worked. One of his co-workers informed me that the guy had Stage 4 oral cancer and was in the Philippines receiving medical care.

His weight had plummeted from 200 to 120 lbs. Not good.

I felt awful. This man—who is still with us, thank God—was always a cheery and helpful guy, but always with a betel nut in his gob.

If I were king (not a bad idea) I would ban betel nut. But that would only lead to a black market in the stuff and the people who chew would still get their nasty fix. Plus betel nut grows wild here, so how do you ban a tree? Can't be done.

Why do people kill themselves?

It's not by accident; anybody who chews knows that they are rolling the dice with their health. The same is true for those who smoke cigarettes. It is especially true for people who use ice. All of the substances put you on the fast-track to the bone yard.

Some years ago I met with one of the officers of the Commonwealth Cancer Association. In fact, I met with the board on several occasions and also talked with a group of cancer survivors. I told them about the benefits of drinking water with baking soda.

When talking with one of the officials, I brought up the subject of betel nut, and how it can kill those who chew it.

He looked away for a minute and then replied, thoughtfully, "It's a cultural thing…"

At the time I thought, "Fooey," but didn't say it.

It may be a cultural practice among lemmings to throw themselves off a cliff, but human beings are supposed to be able to think about what they do, before they do it.

Fortunately the CCA is now beginning to see the dangers of

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Guinaiyan Nana

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the* Saipan Tribune.

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Dañkulu na regalu giya hita i guinaiyan nana!

Hinigua` Finu` Tanu`!

Hu taitai finu` dos professot finu` Chamorro. I unu sentai areglu tinige`ña mientras i otru sige ha soyu` usun liñguahe lau fuminu` E`Eñglis. Achacha abarambau finu` niha kulan naufragu gi kantut kantit.

Hombre, finenina na dinanche usun matuge` na finu` Chamorro dispues usa i liñguahe para un` famanu`e usuña. Muñgayu` mafababa ni eklau na finu` CHamoru dispues para un` finu` Eñglisiyu` pot usun finu` CHamoru!

Iya Guam maliñgu i liñguahe sa` desde 1898 manfinu` Eñglis. Megai man-naufragu gi liñguahen niha na kontodu usu yan palabra mampus mesklau gi diariu na konbetsasion niha. Ti komprendiyun finu` CHamorun iya Guahan.

Mana` pinalo`pu` este ni mafabrikan fina` kanta (chant) yan otru offisiu ni mapega kumu patte gi kuttura. Lau ni unabes `nai huli`e desde pinatgonhu na magahet gai koneksion i asuntu yan estorian natibu. Puru che`chu` atrebisau na finabrikan haf` hinassun niha kuttura. Dios mihu!

Nanalau an` mamila ya mañganta kulan mohon Ora Santa pat Misa Kantada. Haf` minapotña sensian unesteria gi haf` patte gi kutturan natibu? Kau dinage balutan regalu gi este na pinetsige? Fan e`gaga` ya in` fan gai mamahlau gi ma-insora tradision natibu!

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Hasupag: Guaha priniponi fuetsau na finana`guen liñguahen natibu gi eskuela siha guine. Kulan dididi` manhasupag hit guine na patte.

Kau i prumuponi este na mandatu ma-asegura na guaha lepblu para finana`guen konbetsasion yan ineyag mañgge` gi liñguahen tanu`? Yangin taya` materiat pues sa` hafa na para tana` fofo`na i kareta ke guaka? Para ta afuetsas pa`gu i toru chumoneg ke u batsala i kareta? Kuantu giya hamyu chumagi che`chu` maestro?

Guaha chechigueña este na asuntu sin uma-afuetsas gi eskuela. Tatnai in` repara kumu mañaina manu `nai ha tutuhongue` primet finana`gue? Dios mihu! Kulan manhinigua` hamyu` chenot hamalefa. Diberas!

Presiun Fektus: Humuyuñg i Mayot Luta as Efraim Atalig ha annunsia na manunog presiun fektus siha pot setbisiun MV Luta.

Mauleg `an enfin guaha ennau na setbisiu. Lau un` letki i mas sustansiau na kuestion: kuantu na cho`chu` esta monhaya un` establesi para i tautaumu? Kau guaha lokue` subida gi sueddun i tautau siha? Yangin taya`, pues haf` un` fafatta?

Debi finenina u guaha dañkulu na adelantu gi ekonomian i tanu` ni humatsa todu boti gi halum puettu. Sin este, pues puru sakudidan supin tasi finono`mu señot. Chagu` i un` sasañgan yan klaru na pinadesin i tautau siha gi señgsoñg!

Na`magof i para u guaha adelantu. Lau `an trabiha finu` fabulas de chispas pues gu`ot tatte talin i toru sino manuguñg sin kareta.

Gueku: Kada tiempun politika ma-establesi temporariu na cho`chu` siha gi `nos kuantos munisipalidat tat kumu iya Tinian yan Luta.

Dispues de eleksion magpu` lokue` tetminun ayu siha na cho`chu`. Ha birague` tatte gi hagas seru i ma-empleha temporariamente pot huegun politika.

Kau este nina` siñan manmenhalum i mafa` pañalis tenda i ha`anen tautau? Na ti umisau hau ni ma-elihe sa` ti un` soda`e los prohimus petmanente na offisiu para siha yan familian niha?

Ti bai hugandu yan ha`anen tautau. Yangin gaige giya guahu katgun pot adelantun tautauhu, pues bai fachuchu`e manu i siña `nai u soda` lokue` linibianun niha gi fina` petmanente na offisiu para siha yan familian niha. Estague` `nai anog sattun haye umatetende offisioña kumu representanten i tautau.

Repara: Iya Marianas popble na petlas. Tai mina ni siña tafa` katsu gi tiempun eskases `sino ha`ilas. Poresu, na todu nina` halum aduana (taxes) debi u establesau sattun na inadahen i dididi` na guinahata. Kada ratu hit manmatompu` gi halum ha`ilas `nai i kinalamten i tanu` mampus maribaha.

Namanman i finaposta sa` klaru na kulan taya` inadahe pot sen gueku na pisun ekonomia `ni manlalailai hit. Taya` linachiña mapega gi un` banda mauleg na moneda para `an hafagcha`e hit fotte na tiempun chata`an. Pot fabot get atan sa` mampus manhugagandu hit `nai i tiempu taigue gi halum dos patman kanaita.

Ti Huegu: Tinahuñg kosas para manmalañgu gi hopitat-ta guine piot gi ICU. Ni payamas ti siña matulaika sa` kada malañgu malimitte gi unu. Ayu `nai libre i malañgu `an ha chuli` i famiia payamasña ya siha fumagasi. Dios mihu!

Lau mit pot mit na salape` guaha para umana fan hunta (dos biahe) i tautau gobietnu giya Luta kontodu fiesta. Manu` `nai gaige sensian moralidat guine na chatdisposision? Ayu buente na todu manma-elihe i hospitat iya Filipinas mafalalague `an guaha chinatsagan niha. Mayuti` i publiku gi santatte para u ayudan maisa siha. Hita ni manmanapapase aduana pumadedesi chatdisision niha!

Areglu: I manadan chatdisision mas lumuñu` ha`anen tautau siha gi kuatkuet soñgsoñg. Umanog klaru i tai ekspirensian este na administrasion gi che`chu` linahyan. Para siha libianu dispetdisiu sa` i chatdisision niha hita pumadedesi!

Mauleg u guaha pinasensia para ta ebalua sin politikan parentela haf` masusesedi gi enteru petlas siha guine. Haf` na para umahasñgun mafondu mas i tautau lau esta ha` manmamadedesi? Malag manu konsensian fitme na moralidat para i tautau siha?

LITERARY NOOK

Trumpophobia: A trifling fear

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

when I have fears that Trump may POTUS be
when his demagoguery befuddles my brain
from before he even started to insult Hillary
using conspiracy theories in a constant chain
when I hear the words coming out of his face
irrational pronouncements of his latest advance
and know their veiled origins unable to trace
all gobbledygook and drivel meaning left to chance
and when I think I just can't stand another hour
of him on the tube hoping I shall see him no more
and never need to think about him being in power
reflecting what political campaigns were like before
the Trumposphere I must write and have to think
his confusing thought and convoluted ideas stink

John Keat's original sonnet title is: "When I Have Fears That I May Cease To Be/"

Great are the States! I might be content

great are the States! and I might just be content
to love this great country that we call our own
to hear Americana music in cyberspace blown
but I must work, buy food, pay taxes, and the rent
John Keats,"yet do I sometimes feel a languishment"
for a Supreme Court with its complement of nine
stifled by Republicans who stall before election time
and forget what our Constitutional founders meant
great are the states but in D.C. confusion still reigns
enough of their puerile petty partisan politics for me
and empty campaign promises from Trumpty Dumpty
pivots on positions, panders, and constantly complains
great are the States! and I might just be content
this Fall when we elect our first woman president

John Keats original sonnet title is: "Happy Is England! I Could Be Content".

CANCER

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chewing betel nut and are taking some bold and necessary steps to get the word out.

In a way, the official was right: chewing betel nut is cultural. It happens within families, at social gatherings, and everywhere, mostly among the native island people. Doesn't matter if they are Chamorro or Chuukese, they still chew.

Not long after Typhoon Soudelor smashed our property, a CUC crew came out to restore our electricity. Two pickup trucks pulled up to our house and some guys from Palau got out. They all were chewing betel nut.

"Are you chewing betel nut, young man?" I asked them all. They all nodded sheepishly, as if to say, "Yeah, we know it's bad, but what are we gonna do?"

I think what the CCA, and other civic groups, need to do now, is to focus their prevention efforts on the young. They need to have well-spoken individuals (such as dentists, MD's, or cancer survivors) go into the classrooms to explain how chewing betel nut can kill them all.

Our youth is the future of our community. To warn them away from chewing betel nut is not only smart, it can potentially save many lives.

Yes, there are many other bad habits, but there's a direct link between chewing betel nut and oral cancer. What makes this especially lamentable is that it is 100 percent preventable.

Is there a real solution on the horizon? Unfortunately, no.

You cannot make people within a culture abandon a habit, even if it's suicidal. It's too ingrained. The best you can do is to advise young people to not start in the first place.

If they don't start chewing betel nut, then they just made their lives longer and better.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

The Saipan Paddling Club would like to give a huge thank you to the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation, IT&E, TanHoldings, Pacific Islands Club, Bridge Capital, Marpac, Fish Mart, Rep. Edmund Villagomez, Rep. Angel Demapan, Rep. JP Sablan, Rep. Larry Guerrero, Rep. BJ Attao, and Danny and Paz Calvo for their generous donation to help us participate in the 2016 Micronesia Cup in Palau.

To all the families, friends and to everyone who participated in all our fundraisers that was all held at the Oleai Beach Bar and Grill, thank you for your overwhelming and tremendous support.

Thank you all for making it possible for the Saipan Paddling Club to represent the CNMI in Palau!

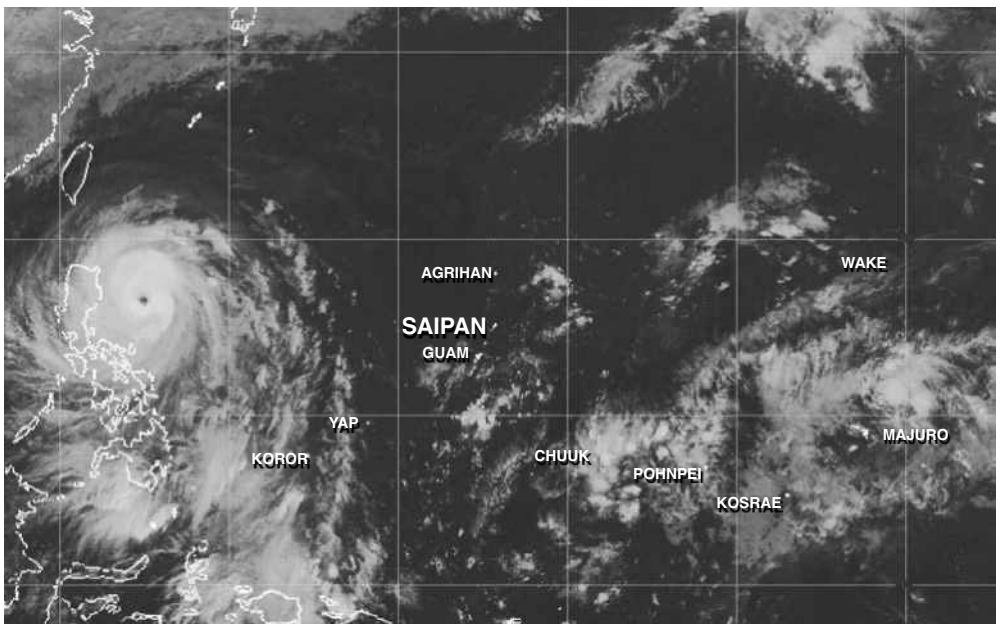
Saipan Paddling Club

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

The weak trough just to the east will move slowly through the Marianas the next couple of days, with isolated showers and thunderstorms through Thursday night as it passes. Mid and upper levels dry out on Friday, so only isolated showers with partly cloudy skies are expected for Friday on. Winds will be light through the weekend into next week. Ritidian buoy has been indicating seas over 7 feet at times, mainly from the west, but with a secondary NNE swell. With surf near hazardous levels yesterday, went ahead and issued a high surf advisory for today and early this evening--though the surf may fall sooner than that. After this evening, seas will steadily diminish, falling to 3-4 ft for the weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Partly sunny	81 / 87 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	80 / 87 °F
Yap	Partly sunny	79 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Afternoon clouds	79 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Mostly cloudy	76 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	82 / 88 °F
Majuro	Morning clouds	83 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Morning clouds	53 / 61 °F
Beijing	Afternoon clouds	49 / 58 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	76 / 86 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	74 / 82 °F
London	Mostly cloudy	50 / 57 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	64 / 91 °F
Manila	Mostly cloudy	80 / 84 °F
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	46 / 69 °F
Miami	Mostly sunny	75 / 83 °F
New York	Rain	60 / 75 °F
Osaka	Sunny	75 / 93 °F
Paris	Afternoon clouds	48 / 58 °F
Pusan	High level clouds	55 / 73 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	61 / 68 °F
Salem	Overcast	54 / 61 °F
San Francisco	Mostly sunny	50 / 75 °F
Seoul	Sunny	70 / 81 °F
Tokyo	Morning clouds	61 / 78 °F
Washington, DC	Cloudy	65 / 79 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
4:31 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.38 Feet
11:20 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.97 Feet
5:07 PM	LOW TIDE	1.01 Feet
10:03 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.88 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Sunday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Monday	6:11 AM	5:52 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	9:50 PM	10:02 AM
Friday	10:48 PM	11:02 AM
Saturday	11:45 PM	11:57 AM
Sunday	-	12:49 AM
Monday	12:40 AM	1:37 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Triple J donates to Napu Outrigger Junior Club

Triple J Saipan, Inc. donated on Oct. 18 $500 to the Napu Outrigger Canoe Club Jr. team that will compete in the 2016 Micro Cup in Palau. Napu will be the only junior team competing on behalf of the CNMI as all other teams will be in the adult category.

"Triple J is happy to support such an incredible after-school program and athletic club that teaches our youth about hard work, dedication, [and] teamwork, all while promoting an active and healthy lifestyle," said Jay Santos, GM of Five Star Wholesale Foods and Truckload Store.

Teams from all over the world will be competing in the Micro Cup with events in 500m sprints, 1,500m sprints and long distance races.

Presenting the check on behalf of Triple J were Randy Steele, GM of Triple J Motors; Jay Santos, GM of Five Star Wholesale and Truckload Store; and Perry Inos Jr., Business Development manager.

"We didn't have enough money for a hotel and this really helps us," said club vice president and coach Jason Tarkong.

The check was presented at Triple J Saipan's latest restaurant, the Surf Club. ***(PR)***

Triple J Saipan, Inc. donates $500 to the Napu Outrigger Canoe Club Jr. team at Triple J Saipan's latest restaurant, the Surf Club. Representing Triple J were Randy Steele, GM of Triple J Motors, standing right; Jay Santos, GM of Five Star Wholesale and Truckload Store, standing left; and Perry Inos Jr., Business Development manager, standing second from right,

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Commonwealth Zoning Board
(Zoning Office)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Zoning Officer (1)

The Zoning Office is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Zoning Officer. This is a full-time position on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Duties and Responsibilities: Process permit applications including reviewing applications for compliance, tracking timelines and public notice requirements, coordinating interagency consultations, and preparing written recommendations; Conduct field surveys and inspections for compliance with the Zoning Law and to collect land use information; Educate and inform the public and applicants about the zoning program and permit requirements; Gather information to update the GIS; Maintain detailed records of all actions, using paper and electronic media; Update permit information on the database; Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements: Graduation from an accredited two-year college or university with an AA Degree. The following professional experience may substitute for the AA Degree: A minimum of 3 years of experience in any combination of land use planning, zoning, public administration, public health, business management, public policy, natural resource management, environmental management, land management, or related field; Proficiency with office software including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Explorer. Other desired experiences include ability to drive a stick-shift car and to walk into construction sites and across rough terrain; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends; Ability to speak in Chamorro or Carolinian a plus. Applicant must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

The salary is $28,000.00. Health, life and retirement benefits are provided.

The Application for Employment and Checklist of required documents may be picked up at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

Application submittals should be addressed to Marciana D. Igitol, Zoning Planner and may be sent via e-mail to marciana.igitol@zoning.gov.mp or via Hand Delivery to the Zoning Office, located on the 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan. Application packages must include a letter of interest, a CNMI Application for Employment, a resume, copy of diploma/certificates, and all other required documents as listed in the Employment Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Selected applicant will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening.

Deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than 4:30pm, Friday, October 28, 2016.

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Your Republican Leaders remain committed to its ideals in developing a vibrant community. They advocate and advance legislations and programs that create opportunities through increase of business developments, infrastructure enhancements, creation of jobs, increase of family disposable income, and other capacity building initiatives to advance the quality of life for our people. Your Precinct 4 and Republican Candidates are eager to pursue championing the people's cause.

As a mother and a grandmother, I want to make sure that our children has the educational tools they need to succeed in whatever they chose, including in agriculture and fisheries. We must ensure the building of the northern high school to provide the children convenient access to education within their own community.

A WOMAN'S PLACE is in the HOUSE, the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. I pledge to secure the future for the children of the north as your precinct 4 representative.

I am respectfully asking for your vote of confidence.

1 IGITOL, Alice Santos

When we first started this journey, things weren't at its best. It is not hard to compare how things were in recent past to how things are today. Austerity measures included cutting our wages and reducing retirement pensions while we endured significant increase on cost of living and high utility rates. Today, our employees get their full wages while retirement pensions are fully restored.

As your Precinct 4 Representative, I supported and advanced policies needed to resolve our challenges. At times, I had to make difficult and unpopular decision. But my commitment to protecting your welfare guides me as I move programs forward that are in your best interest.

I am asking for your continued vote of confidence so that we may carry on the work needed to further improve our livelihood.

5 CAMACHO, George Norita

Sharing the republican ideals, your precinct 5 candidates are offering their experience and knowledge to help develop a healthy community through an educated citizenry, local workforce development, improved healthcare system, sustainable environmental program and vibrant economy.

The CNMI lacks the necessary labor force to meet the demands of our growing development. We hear it all the time. And we know that our private sectors are struggling to perpetuate recruitment of external labor pool.

As the CNMI develops, we must pursue innovative means to expand the efforts of our local community college, the public school system and existing trade institutions to strengthen programs that aim to address the shortage of skills and limited local workforce capacities.

As your Representative, I will actively engage with our educational institutions to build an educated and skilled labor pool to balance employment opportunities for our local people in the CNMI.

I humbly ask for your vote of confidence.

3 AGUON, Francisco Concepcion

Because I bring passion, knowledge, commitment and experience in effectively advocating for the needs of the most vulnerable population (youth, individuals with disabilities, the elderly), and can develop initiatives to comprehensively promote the philosophy and values of System of Care (SOC) and equal access for all."

With people, as my guiding principle, I have the freedom to support legislation that's truly beneficial to the public, and I hope the voters give me the opportunity to continue working on their behalf.

I am humbly asking for your support and for your vote of confidence.

5 AGULTO, Antonio Reyes

Electing the right candidate for the Senate is equally important to provide assurance that legislation are supported and pushed through in the Senate. That assurance can only be secure with your Republican Senate Candidate.

As former Chairman of the Lottery Commission, I ran for office to protect the intention of Public Law 18-56 "Establishment and Regulation of Exclusive Casino Gaming License." As your Senator representing you in the Senate and in the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation (SNILD), we have successfully allocated $1.8 Million of Saipan Local Funds via the gaming license fee, to pay for the retirees 25% under Saipan Local Law 19-12 (HLB 19-3, S1). Our efforts included discussion on annual lump sum bonus to retirees, including the passage of Senate Resolution 19-54 "To request that the Secretary of the Department of Finance expeditiously release the disbursement of the 25% government share of the death benefit payment to the surviving beneficiaries of deceased retirees in a timely manner." Presently, our Senate Committee is reviewing and considering a policy for the payment of an annual lump-sum bonus to all retirees. Protecting our retirees is protecting our economic and social welfare stability and it is what I will continue to advocate and fight for as your Senator!

1 IGISOMAR, Sixto Kaipat

This November, we will be asked to vote for candidates with promises to increase our quality of life. Your Solution Driven Leadership only shares the progress that has been done. To ensure that the work of the people advances forward, we ask for your vote to elect Your Republican Candidates. They are eager to continue championing the cause of the People.

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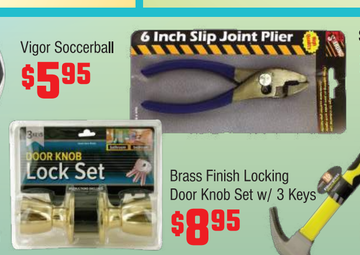

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Business

Social Security recipients to get tiny increase

WASHINGTON (AP)—Millions of Social Security recipients and federal retirees will get a 0.3 percent increase in monthly benefits next year, the fifth year in a row that older Americans will have to settle for historically low raises. The adjustment adds up to a monthly increase of less than $4 a month for an average recipient.

The cost-of-living adjustment, announced by the government Tuesday, will affect more than 70 million people—about 1 in 5 Americans. For recipients, the average monthly Social Security payment now is $1,238.

Unfortunately for some seniors, even the small increase will probably be wiped out by an expected increase in Medicare Part B premiums, which are usually deducted from Social Security payments.

By law, rising premiums for most Medicare recipients cannot exceed their Social Security cost-of-living increase. That's known as the "hold harmless" provision. However, new enrollees and high-income retirees are not covered by that provision, so they could face higher Medicare premiums, which will be announced later this year.

There was no Social Security benefit increase this year, and next year's will be small because inflation is low, driven in part by cheaper fuel prices. The low inflation rate should help keep some older folks' bills from rising very rapidly.

Don't tell that to Millicent Graves, a retired veterinary technician, who says Medicare and supplemental insurance premiums eat up nearly a third of her $929 monthly Social Security payment. The 72-year-old from Williamsburg, Virginia, says her insurance premiums went up by $46.50 this year, and her cable TV, internet and phone bill went up, too.

"I just lose and lose and lose and lose," Graves said.

More than 60 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children get Social Security benefits. The COLA also affects benefits for about 4 million disabled veterans, 2.5 million federal retirees and their survivors, and more than 8 million people who get Supplemental Security Income, the disability program for the poor. Many people who get SSI also receive Social Security.

Since 2008, the COLA has been above 2 percent only once, in 2011. It's been zero three times.

"This loss of anticipated retirement income compounds every year, causing people to spend through retirement savings far more quickly than planned," said Mary Johnson of the Senior Citizens League. "Over the course of a 25- or 30-year retirement, it reduces anticipated Social Security income by tens of thousands of dollars."

The cost-of-living adjustment is based on a broad measure of prices generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It measures price changes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, energy, medical care, recreation and education.

If prices go up, benefits go up. If prices drop or stay flat, benefits stay the same.

Gasoline prices have fallen by more than 6 percent over the past year, according to the September inflation report, while the cost of medical care has gone up by more than 5 percent.

For seniors who don't drive much, they don't get the full benefit of low gas prices, said Max Gulker, a senior research fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research. Many seniors spend more of their income on health care.

Graves said she appreciates lower gas prices, but the higher medical costs are a problem.

"I just have to rely more each month on cashing in investments," Graves said. "I'm lucky I can do that."

Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton has embraced the idea of expanded benefits for certain low-income retirees. She says the nation would pay for it by raising taxes on "the highest-income Americans."

AP

In this Jan. 11, 2013 file photo, the Social Security Administration's main campus is seen in Woodlawn, Md. Millions of Social Security recipients and federal retirees will get only tiny increases in benefits next year, the fifth year in a row that older Americans will have to settle for historically low raises.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Lufthansa latest airline to ban Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones

BERLIN (AP)—German carrier Lufthansa is the latest airline to impose a total ban on passengers taking the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 smartphone on any of its flights. The airline had previously banned the phone from flights in the United States and told passengers on other flights to keep the device switched off and unplugged. On Tuesday, Lufthansa said on its Twitter account: "As per an official directive, Samsung Note 7 smartphones are not permitted on any of our flights. Please leave them at home!" Samsung has recalled more than 2.5 million of the phones after faulty batteries reportedly caused the device to catch fire.

Ford cutting production as US demand slows

DETROIT (AP)—Ford Motor Co. is cutting production as U.S. demand for new vehicles slows, but so far, its rivals aren't doing the same. Ford said Tuesday it will temporarily idle four of its North American assembly plants this month to better align production with demand. After six straight years of growth, U.S. sales of new vehicles are slowing. In the first nine months of this year, U.S. sales totaled 13.1 million new vehicles, up less than 1 percent from 2015. "This is a roller coaster that's gone to the top," said Mike Harley, an analyst with Kelley Blue Book. "I wouldn't be surprised if other automakers follow suit."

But sales are still near last year's record-high levels, and so far, Ford's chief rivals are sticking to their production plans. General Motors Co. and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles both said Tuesday that all of their plants are operating normally. Toyota Motor Corp. said last month that it plans to increase production of Tacoma pickup trucks at its plant in Baja California, Mexico. Toyota is adding 400 workers and investing $150 million in the plant by 2018.

A surprisingly high number of first-timers now buying homes

WASHINGTON (AP)—For years, the U.S. housing market looked bleak for young couples hoping to buy their first homes but struggling with high student debt, low pay and meager down-payment savings.

But a new survey by the real estate firm Zillow suggests that first-time buyers may be entering the market in greater numbers than industry watchers had assumed.

Over the past year, the survey found, nearly half of home sales have gone to first-timers. That's a much higher proportion than some other industry estimates had indicated. And it comes as a surprise in part because ownership rates for adults under 34 are at their lowest levels since the government began tracking the figure in 1994.

Zillow's survey results suggest that the trend is shifting, and that some of this year's growth in home sales has come from a wave of college-educated couples in their 30s, who are the most common first-time buyers.

They are people like Natasja Handy, a 32-year-old lawyer and new mother. She and her husband, a doctor, are about to close on their first home in the Northeast section of Washington, D.C. - a row house with about 1,900 square feet that cost $720,000.

The couple worked with brokers at Redfin and made a 5 percent down payment after having lost two bids on other homes.

"We waited a very long time to purchase our first house," Handy said. "We've always felt like we were giving someone else our money, instead of putting it into something we own."

In suburban Minneapolis, few first-time buyers have enough savings for a down payment, and many rely on gifts or loans from relatives, said Marcus Johannes, an agent with Edina Realty.

"Most of my people, they get funds from family," he said. "They get creative tapping 401(k)s."

If the pattern in Zillow's survey holds, it could raise hopes that today's vast generation of 18-to-34-year-old millennials will help support the housing market as more of them move into their 30s.

The 168-page report that Seattle-based Zillow released Tuesday also found that home ownership is increasingly the domain of the college-educated. And it reported that older Americans who are looking to downsize are paying premiums for smaller houses.

'Played the fool': Several car owners slam VW emissions deal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Several angry Volkswagen owners told a federal judge on Tuesday that a $10 billion settlement does not adequately compensate them for the automaker's emissions cheating scandal, part of a vocal minority who objected to the deal as hundreds of thousands of others signed up for payments.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer will determine whether the settlement is fair to consumers and should receive final approval. He said he was "strongly inclined" to approve it but would make a final decision by Oct. 25, giving him time to consider the owners' objections and whether he should recommend any changes.

"We got played the fool," Mark Dietrich, an Audi owner from San Francisco, told the judge earlier at a hearing in San Francisco. "This settlement does not go far enough."

Dietrich demanded the full purchase price of his car as well as part of his registration fee.

The settlement calls for the German automaker to spend up to $10 billion to buy back or repair about 475,000 Volkswagens and Audi vehicles with 2-liter diesel engines and pay their owners an additional $5,100 to $10,000 each. Any repair options have yet to be finalized.

It also includes $4.7 billion for unspecified environmental mitigation to make up for the excess pollution and to promote zero-emissions vehicles. The combined $14.7 billion deal would be the largest auto-scandal settlement in U.S. history.

Attorneys who helped negotiate it said it was fair and had received support from the vast majority of eligible car owners. Volkswagen's lawyer said Tuesday that it was a good deal for buyers and would help the company regain people's trust.

But Blair Stewart, a Volkswagen owner from Palo Alto, said the company engaged in a "program of deception" that should not go unpunished. More than a dozen people spoke against the settlement at the hearing, among them people who sold their vehicles and objected that the new owner would get a windfall in the deal. The scandal erupted in September 2015 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Volkswagen had fitted many of its cars with software to fool emissions tests, putting dirty vehicles on the road. Car owners and the U.S. Department of Justice sued.

The software recognized when the cars were being tested on a treadmill and turned on pollution controls. The controls were turned off when the cars returned to the road. The EPA alleged the scheme let the cars spew more than 40 times the allowable limit of nitrogen oxide, which can cause respiratory problems in people.

Nation

‘Stop whining,’ Obama tells Trump, chiding for fraud talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—”Stop whining,” President Barack Obama rebuked Donald Trump on Tuesday, speaking out as seldom before on next month’s election and chiding the Republican for sowing suspicion about the integrity of America’s presidential vote.

Obama also accused Trump of cozying up to Russia’s Vladimir Putin to a degree “unprecedented in American politics.”

The president said Trump’s intensifying pre-emptive warnings about voter fraud are unheard of in modern politics. The rhetoric is not based on any evidence, Obama said, but is simply aimed at discrediting the outcome before the first votes are counted.

“You start whining before the game is even over?” Obama said at a Rose Garden news conference. “If whenever things are going badly for you and you lose you start blaming somebody else—then you don’t have what it takes to be in this job.”

Campaigning in Colorado, the GOP candidate repeated his assertions about “corrupt” elections but did not respond directly to the president. Trump vowed to “drain the swamp” in Washington, and for the first time promised to push for a constitutional amendment to impose term limits on all members of Congress.

The president’s remarks came as Trump and his Republican allies look for ways to regain momentum after a damaging few weeks in the campaign. Heading into the third and final debate Wednesday night, Trump is trailing in the polls and running out of time for a comeback before Nov. 8.

Obama waded into the race to elect a successor, speaking at the White House where he was hosting his final state visit. Italy’s Prime Minister Matteo Renzi at his side, the president initially said he would pull his punches when it came to politics, respecting the official setting. But when he was asked about Trump’s rhetoric, he hardly held back.

AP

Women protest Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and the GOP in front of Trump Tower in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016.

“I would invite Mr. Trump to stop whining and go try to make his case to get votes,” he said.

The GOP candidate has ramped up warnings about potential fraud. That’s drawing criticism not only from Democrats but from his own party, particularly the state and county officials who run local elections, who fear the rhetoric will give losers license to dispute any results.

“They even want to try and rig the election at the polling booth, where so many cities are corrupt and you see that and voter fraud is all too common,” Trump said at a rally in Colorado Springs.

Independent studies and election officials in both parties say they see no evidence that voter fraud—individuals impersonating others to cast ballots—is a widespread problem.

Asked about Trump’s claims on Tuesday, running mate Mike Pence dodged and suggested Trump’s point actually was about the “overwhelming bias in the national media.”

Pence spoke after touring the burned-out offices of the Republican Party in Hillsborough, North Carolina. The GOP office was firebombed over the weekend in what Pence called an “act of political terrorism.” Trump pointed at Clinton supporters, but Pence did not assign blame. Police are investigating.

Clinton held no public events Tuesday while she prepared for the debate. She has her own troubles and is certain to be asked about the latest revelations involving her use of a private email server during her time as secretary of state.

Cheer up, Americans, say Canadians—you’re great

NEW YORK (AP)—America’s neighbors to the north—so often the butt of their jokes—are taking to social media to try to keep spirits up in the U.S. during this divisive election season.

Using the hashtag #tellamericaitsgreat, Canadians have swamped Twitter with compliments about American music, culture, technology and even tailgating. The outpouring of love triggered a reply—#TellCanadaThanks.

It’s all an effort started by the Toronto-based ad agency The Garden Collective, which chose its hashtag as a play on Republican presidential candidate Donald J. Trump’s campaign slogan, “Make America great again.” The firm’s video launching the social media push has gotten over 752,000 YouTube views and the hashtag has been trending on Twitter for several days. Many Canadians have made their own mini-videos, too.

Dic Dickerson, managing director of the firm, called it a pet project they devised for no other reason than to just spread love. “We put it out there and I don’t think any of us expected to get as much traction as it did but we’re really, really excited by all the positivity,” he said. “A lot of people are talking, which is exactly what we wanted.”

The agency was found about 18 months ago and usually focuses its attention on businesses. Dickerson said they’d never done anything like this.

“Every day we come in and the founders and myself and our team, we sit around and sort of talk about what’s new, what’s everybody reading, what are we looking at, and it always sort of came back to this notion of just how negative everything was about this upcoming election,” he said. “You can either pile on with the negativity or try to look at the positive side of things.”

Some of the things Canadians say they admire about the U.S. are its federal parks, its diversity, its missions to Mars, jazz and Tupac Shakur. One Canadian from Halifax on Tuesday complimented Americans for baseball, “The Catcher in the Rye” and first lady Michelle Obama.

Canadians, who have long been mocked by their southern neighbors for their accents (“aboot”), their creation of Justin Bieber and an apparent abundance of moose, have enjoyed some good press recently, largely thanks to their telegenic new prime minister, Justin Trudeau.

Americans, meanwhile, have been in the doldrums as Trump and Hillary Clinton face accusations of running a squalid campaign for presidency, not to mention several dispiriting Hollywood breakups, including the demise of Brangelina. The land that gave the world Ryan Gosling has now proven as seemingly warm and kind as that sensitive actor in America’s time of need.

States seek to reassure voters, tighten poll security

By ADAM BEAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facing unprecedented warnings of a “rigged” election from Donald Trump, state officials around the country are rushing to reassure the public, and some are taking subtle steps to boost security at polling places because of the passions whipped up by the race.

“This election the environment is unlike any before,” South Carolina Election Commission spokesman Chris Whitmire said.

Some states are trying to coordinate with local law enforcement to tighten security without making a heavy-handed—and potentially illegal—show of force. And some schools that double as polling places have canceled classes on Election Day for fear of agitated voters and demonstrators in school hallways.

Over the weekend, a firebombing heavily damaged a local Republican Party office in North Carolina. No injuries were reported. And after a bomb threat at the Arizona GOP headquarters on Monday, the state party said it will probably hire security guards.

As Trump’s poll numbers have dropped amid accusations from multiple women that he groped them without consent, the Republican nominee has warned that the election is about to be stolen from him on Nov. 8 by backers of Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump has called on people to act as “election observers” in certain areas of the country to help prevent fraud—a move that has stirred fears of voter intimidation and confrontations at the polls.

In North Carolina, state election officials are coordinating with sheriffs to make sure law enforcement agencies know the location of each polling place on Election Day, in case they need to be called.

And in South Carolina, election officials have asked local law enforcement to increase patrols near voting locations while being careful not to oversaturate the area and intimidate voters.

Given the nation’s long history of intimidating black voters, especially in the South, local officials must tread carefully in stepping up security. In South Carolina, for example, authorities said that under state law, police are not allowed to enter polling places unless they are summoned by election officials.

Class-action lawsuit seeks sweeping help for Flint students

DETROIT (AP)—Several families filed a class-action lawsuit Tuesday against the state of Michigan and the Flint school district, saying more needs to be done to help students whose academic performance and behavior have worsened because of the city’s lead-tainted water.

The school system was already struggling before Flint’s water supply was contaminated by lead over an 18-month period. The city switched to a new water source, the Flint River, in 2014, but the corrosive water wasn’t properly treated, causing lead from old pipes and fixtures to flow through taps.

The 15 families say the state Education Department, the Flint district and a countywide district already are not complying with laws intended to help disabled students, and that the lead crisis is only compounding the problem.

“The extensive lead poisoning in Flint has combined with the lack of essential special education resources in the Flint schools to create a tragic crisis,” attorney Gregory Little said.

There is no dispute that lead affects the brain and nervous system, especially in children. No safe lead level in kids has been identified by experts.

There are approximately 30,000 Flint residents who are 19 or younger, including roughly 5,400 who attend public schools, according to the lawsuit.

The lead exposure “put all children in Flint at risk of a disability,” the lawsuit states. It quotes a 7-year-old boy who was exposed to lead as saying, “I don’t know how to read.”

“All they do is send him home, with no services and no support,” his mother, Nakiya Wakes, said in a written statement.

The lawsuit seeks a long list of changes, including enhanced screening of children at age 3 to determine if they’re eligible for special education; preschool for all children; a review of all individual education plans for students with disabilities; staff training; a special monitor to oversee changes over seven years.

The state declined to comment on the lawsuit, which was filed in federal court by the American Civil Liberties Union and firms with expertise in education law.

Flint school Superintendent Bilal Tawwab said the lawsuit was being reviewed, but he added that additional services have been offered to families and students.

The city of Flint returned to a Detroit-area water agency in 2015 while it awaits a new pipeline to Lake Huron, but residents still are urged to drink only bottled water or filtered tap water while the system heals.

Asia

PH leader's visit to China is watched for shift to Beijing

BEIJING (AP)—Talks this week between Rodrigo Duterte and Chinese President Xi Jinping will be closely scrutinized for signs of how seriously the new Philippine leader intends to pursue a shift away from Washington and toward Beijing, a move that could have a major impact on regional power dynamics.

Duterte's elevation to the presidency 3 1/2 months ago has already turned relations between Washington and Manila on their head. His courtship of Beijing could create further disruptions given the prospect of a long-standing U.S. treaty ally lining up with Washington's key rival for influence in Asia.

Duterte was greeted by Foreign Minister Wang Yi on arrival at Beijing's main airport on Tuesday evening. He was set to meet Thursday with Xi, Premier Li Keqiang and third-ranking official Zhang Dejiang, the head of the legislature.

"This is a historic visit and presents an opportunity for relations between China and the Philippines to restart on a fresh, more positive footing," Wang told reporters earlier Tuesday. Duterte was due to return home on Friday.

Under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, the decades-old U.S.-Philippine alliance had flourished. A quarter-century after a wave of anti-U.S. nationalism forced the closure of American military bases in the Philippines, Manila was poised to allow more access for U.S. forces to counter an assertive China—an important boost for President Barack Obama's "pivot" placing more emphasis on the Asia-Pacific.

Those gains now hang in the balance, although the Obama administration says it would welcome a reduction in the China-Philippine tensions that had spiraled over the disputed South China Sea, increasing the risk of a military conflict that could embroil the U.S., which has a mutual defense treaty with the Philippines.

"The prospect of the Philippines pulling out of a long stretch of very tense relations with Beijing is a desirable one," Daniel Russel, top U.S. diplomat for East Asia, told reporters in Washington last week.

Although the U.S. and China are often portrayed as great powers vying for the loyalty of small nations in Asia, neither side wants a confrontation. But there's uncertainty in Washington about where the talks between Duterte and Xi will lead.

Thais buy commemorative currency note honoring late king

BANGKOK (AP)—Thais waited patiently in long queues outside government banks Tuesday to secure special commemorative 100 baht currency notes in honor of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The note was released five years ago by the Bank of Thailand, but interest in it was renewed after the king's death on Oct. 13.

People began lining up in the early morning at banks around the country to purchase the note, which was available for twice its face value at 200 baht ($5.71).

The banknote features images of the king visiting Thai people, planting grass and playing the saxophone. The side with the special images is printed with metallic gold ink.

"I want to keep every single note that has a portrait of the king, because one day they'll be all gone since we'll be living under a new monarch," said Surinamon Rakkaew, a 24-year-old.

Because of the huge demand, at least one bank, the Government Savings Bank that had a stock of 90,000 bills, said it will limit the sale to five bills per customer.

"We believe that all 90,000 bills will be distributed today and we are in the process of requesting more bills from the Bank of Thailand," said Vitai Ratanakorn, a top official of the bank. He said he expects a new stock of 200,000 bills will become available on Thursday.

Bhumibol's death after a reign of 70 years has triggered an intense outpouring of grief in Thailand, where the monarchy is revered. Since his death, Thais have been quick to purchase items or partake in activities, such as alms-giving, as ways to commemorate the memory of the late king.

"I came to exchange my bills as a memento so that one day I can commemorate the late king Rama IX," said 35-year-old Pawan Tomuean, using the king's formal title, as he carefully inserted his newly acquired bill into a protective case. "One day I will be able to celebrate his goodness and all the great things he did for this nation."

ASIAN BRIEFS

PH police van rams protesters in front of US Embassy

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine police van rammed into protesters, leaving several bloodied, as an anti-U.S. rally turned violent Wednesday at the American embassy in Manila. At least three student activists had to be taken to a hospital after they were run over by the van driven by a police officer, protest leader Renato Reyes said. AP Television footage showed the van repeatedly ramming the protesters as it drove wildly back and forth after protesters had surrounded and started hitting the van with wooden batons they had seized from the police. Police later arrested 23 protesters, who broke into a line of riot police and hurled red paint at the policemen and a U.S. government seal at the seaside embassy. "There was absolutely no justification for it," Reyes said of the violent police dispersal of about 1,000 protesters. "Even as the president vowed an independent foreign policy, Philippine police forces still act as running dogs of the U.S."

US fast food chain in Malaysia told to change hot dog name

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Hot dogs, or at least the name, will soon be off the menu for a U.S. fast food chain selling the popular snack in Malaysia. The chain, Auntie Anne's, has been told by Islamic authorities that its popular Pretzel Dog, which contains no dog meat, has to be renamed as it is confusing for Muslim consumers. The Malaysian Islamic Development Department has told the U.S. company to banish the word "dog" from its menu and suggested that the frankfurter wrapped in a pretzel be called Pretzel Sausage as part of conditions to obtain halal certification based on Islamic dietary laws. Dogs are deemed unclean in Islam.

World

Ecuador: We have 'temporarily restricted' Assange's Internet

AP

In this Oct. 4, 2016 file photo, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange participates via video link at a news conference marking the 10th anniversary of the secrecy-spilling group in Berlin.

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—Ecuador's government acknowledged on Tuesday that it cut off WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's internet access at its embassy in London after the whistleblowing site published a trove of damaging emails from Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

The foreign ministry said that while it stands by its 2012 decision to grant Assange asylum based on legitimate concerns he faces political persecution, it respects other nations' sovereignty and doesn't interfere or support any candidate in foreign elections.

"The decision to make this information public is the exclusive responsibility of the WikiLeaks organization," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

The recognition of the action comes less than 24 hours after WikiLeaks tweeted that Ecuador had cut off Assange's access to the internet on Saturday after the publication of Clinton's speeches to Wall Street investment bank Goldman Sachs.

In follow-up messages posted Tuesday, the group claimed U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry had personally intervened to ask Ecuador to stop Assange from publishing documents about Clinton. Citing "multiple US sources," WikiLeaks said the request was made on the sidelines of a visit by Kerry and Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa last month to Colombia to show their support for a peace deal with leftist rebels.

Retaken villages show IS increasingly driven underground

BADANA, Iraq (AP)—This farming village east of Mosul was turned into a bunker during more than two years of Islamic State rule: A network of tunnels and cramped living quarters betrays an extremist group increasingly forced to operate underground by a punishing air campaign and mounting territorial losses.

Wrested from IS control on the first day of the offensive to retake Iraq's second-largest city, Badana offers a glimpse of the battle ahead. Above ground, walls were shredded by airstrikes and artillery, homes were stained black with soot and the buildings still standing had been looted.

Below ground, bags of fresh vegetables lay on the floor of a cooking area and a bowl of eggs sat beside a crude stove, suggesting the fighters managed to maintain supply lines up until days before their defeat.

"They spent their lives in these tunnels," said Tahseen Muhammed Sharif, a 35-year-old Kurdish fighter who said the Kurdish forces who drove the militants out of the village also found ammunition inside the tunnel network, which they seized.

"I can't imagine living like this," he added, sifting through kitchen refuse beside a pot of chickpeas still sitting on the stove. "There is a definite difference between us and them—their behavior, it's outside human behavior."

A small unit of Iraqi Kurdish fighters tasked with holding the territory in and around Badana, were camped Tuesday in a field behind a row of armored vehicles on the village's edge. While free of IS fighters, the area remains littered with dozens of booby-trapped explosives. Kurdish fighters moving along the narrow village roads stuck to paths they had already used and walked in single file.

Russia, Syria halt Aleppo airstrikes ahead of 8-hour lull

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian and Syrian warplanes halted their airstrikes on Syria's besieged city of Aleppo on Tuesday in preparation for a temporary pause in the military push that Moscow has announced for later in the week, the Russian defense minister said.

According to Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, the halt in the strikes should help pave way for militants to leave the eastern rebel-held parts of the contested city.

Both Russian and Syrian air raids on the northern city of Aleppo were suspended at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Shoigu said. He described the suspension as a precursor for the opening of humanitarian corridors.

Moscow on Monday announced a "humanitarian pause" between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday to allow civilians and militants safe passage out of the city.

At that time, Russian and Syrian militaries will halt any offensive actions. Syrian rebels, including al-Qaida militants, as well as the wounded and the sick will be allowed to leave to the neighboring rebel-held province of Idlib.

"The early halting of airstrikes is necessary to declare a 'humanitarian pause'," Shoigu said in a televised statement. "It will ... guarantee a safe exit of civilians through six corridors and prepare for the evacuation of the ill and the wounded from the eastern part of Aleppo."

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said the halt in the airstrikes was a goodwill gesture to pave the way for Thursday's pause. "The Russian military is offering yet another chance, and we hope that our partners will allow us all to take advantage of that," Peskov said.

The United Nations said Russia has communicated plans for two eight-hour cease-fires in rebel-held parts of Aleppo over "consecutive days" this week.

Environment

Scientists and fishermen fight to save leatherback turtles

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A Leatherback hatchling that died from the tropical sun, failing to make it to the ocean across the sand at Playa Grande, Costa Rica, in a 2003 file image. Despite strict protections off the West Coast, leatherback turtles are in danger in other parts of the Pacific.

SAN DIEGO—Despite strict protections off the West Coast, leatherback turtles are in danger in other parts of the Pacific, scientists and fishermen said at a conference called to celebrate California's official marine reptile.

The meeting, held recently in the San Diego community of La Jolla, offered a status update on the ancient marine species in advance of California's Pacific Leatherback Conservation Day on Saturday. With populations down by more than 90 percent since the 1980s, the animals are ranked as one of eight marine species at greatest risk of extinction, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service.

Fishermen and researchers say U.S. fishing limits designed to keep leatherbacks from getting caught in nets may unintentionally lead to more ensnarement in countries where rules are looser. For the globally roaming species, it will take more than one country's efforts to stave off extinction.

Leatherbacks are oceangoing leviathans that can weigh up to a ton and swim nearly 7,000 miles across the Pacific, devouring jellyfish.

"Movements by the leatherback are the longest migration of any air-breathing aquatic vertebrate," Scott Benson, a marine ecologist with NOAA Fisheries, said at the conference.

Born in nesting beaches of Indonesia, the animals travel to the California Current. It's the richest foraging ground for jellies, Benson said, and also the safest haven for the turtles because of stretches off Northern California, Oregon and Washington where fishing is restricted.

Federal rules limit fishing methods and gear, require observers on fishing boats to report any leatherbacks snared in fishing nets, and set seasonal closures on drift gill net fishing — which is used to catch swordfish but can also trap turtles, whales, dolphins and other animals.

As the U.S. has tightened protections for the turtles, however, access to locally caught swordfish has dropped. In its place on menus and at fish markets is imported frozen swordfish, caught in parts of the world without such fishing restrictions.

That's leading to a call among fishermen and conservationists alike to revive the U.S. swordfish industry.

"We want to see a healthy domestic fishery," said Geoff Shester, California program manager for the conservation group Oceana. "Part of saving the leatherback is bringing back clean, sustainable fishing that we can control."

Some fishermen call for relaxing U.S. fishing restrictions, arguing that they could produce locally caught swordfish with less risk to turtles than imported fish. Real time monitoring of turtle movements could help fishermen steer clear of the reptiles while maximizing the swordfish catch, they say.

Others are testing new gear that could help catch swordfish at times and depths that pose little risk to leatherbacks. And regulators are demanding that fish importers prove they're safeguarding turtles.

"Countries that export fish into our country will have five years to meet our standards for protecting leatherbacks," said Tina Fahy, a fishery biologist for NOAA. "It's a huge game changer."

In the meantime, they're encouraging consumers to pay more attention to what's on their plates.

"There's a growing percentage of the population that cares where their food comes from," said Dave Rudie, owner of the San Diego fish distributing company Catalina Offshore Products.

"Buy fish caught by American fishermen," he said. "Ask your fishmonger; ask the server at the restaurant. The collaboration between scientists and fishermen is very, very powerful, and we should always be encouraging it."

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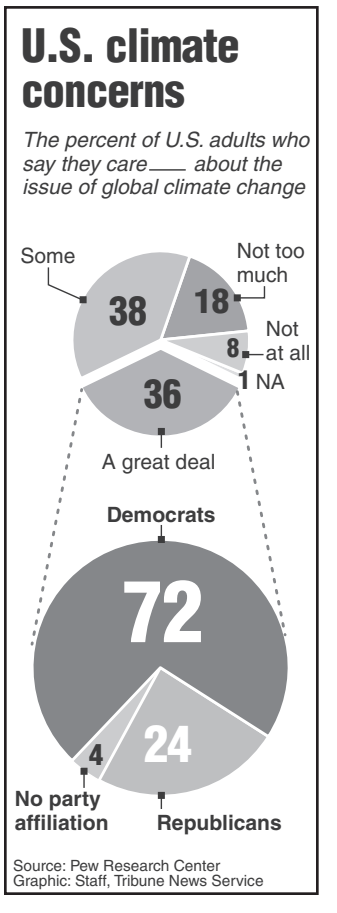
A Leatherback sea turtle hatchling makes a mad dash to the sea across the sand at Playa Grande, Costa Rica, in a 2003 file image. Despite strict protections off the West Coast, leatherback turtles are in danger in other parts of the Pacific.



Life & Style

Obama honors Italy's leader at 'bittersweet' state dinner

AP
President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama pose for a photo as they greet Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and his wife Agnese Landini on the North Portico for a State Dinner at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016.

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Bittersweet" was the word of the night, the one often used to describe President Barack Obama's final state dinner.

"We saved the best for last," he said Tuesday as he welcomed Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and his wife, Agnese Landini, to the White House.

He wasn't joking.

The final gala meant everything was big or bigger, from the personality of the guest chef (Mario Batali) who collaborated on the menu to the size of the white tent (huge) on the South Lawn where the soiree was held, to the guest list (nearly 400 people).

Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., said it's "a little sad" that it's Obama's last state dinner. But to make the occasion even more memorable, he said: "For tonight only, I pronounce my name 'Canoli,' not 'Connolly."

Michelle Obama's hairstylist, Johnny Wright, also described the moment as "bittersweet," but he was still excited to have been invited. The first lady also invited her makeup artist, Carl Ray; her trainer, Cornell McClellan; and Meredith Koop, who helps Mrs. Obama with her wardrobe.

"I'm excited that it's the last state dinner, so it's a bittersweet thing," said actress-comedian Alexandra Wentworth. "I love the Obamas."

Others, meanwhile, sought to inject some levity into the evening.

"We're Jews, but we identify as Italian," joked Jerry Seinfeld. By way of explaining why the Obamas may have invited the comedian and his wife, Jessica, Seinfeld said the couple spends a lot of time traveling in Italy "and we almost exclusively go out for Italian food, but that's as far as I can figure."

After tripping while climbing stairs and then cutting out the lining of her dress, celebrity chef Rachael Ray joked that "I should only come here in sneakers." Ray has done numerous events with Mrs. Obama to support the first lady's "Let's Move" anti-childhood obesity initiative.

Obama has had one dinner bigger than Tuesday's, a 2014 event for African heads of state to which more than 400 people were invited.

Tuesday's guest list included a touch of everything: celebrities, lawmakers, senior administration officials, White House staff, a larger-than-usual contingent of journalists and others, and it had the feeling of having been designed as one big final "thank you" to all.

In fact, Mrs. Obama was overhead thanking her guests "for eight magnificent years."

Witnesses back People writer's account of Trump sex assault

WASHINGTON (AP)—People Magazine reported Tuesday that a half-dozen people have come forward to corroborate its writer's account of being sexually assaulted by Donald Trump and its aftermath.

Natasha Stoynoff, a former staff writer at the celebrity magazine, wrote last week that Trump grabbed her, pinned her against a wall and forcibly kissed her in a room at his Mar-a-Lago mansion in Florida in 2005. She was on assignment to write a profile of the billionaire businessman and his then-pregnant wife, who Stoynoff said was upstairs when it happened.

The Republican presidential nominee has denied the accusation, saying Stoynoff fabricated the incident. He also suggested Stoynoff, 51, is not physically attractive enough to merit his attention.

"She lies! Look at her, I don't think so," Trump, 70, said at a campaign rally last week.

Stoynoff is one of about a dozen women who have recently accused Trump of such misconduct as groping, unexpected kisses on the mouth and unwanted sexual advances.

Though Stoynoff says she and Trump were alone when he accosted her, the magazine's latest story quotes five friends and former co-workers who say the writer told them about the incident shortly after it happened.

In Stoynoff's first-person account, she also wrote of a chance meeting and brief conversation with Melania Trump along New York's Fifth Avenue weeks later. She said Trump's third wife was by then carrying the couple's infant son, Barron, in her arms while outside Trump Tower. She said Melania called her by her first name and gave her a hug.

But Melania Trump said in an interview with CNN broadcast Monday that the conversation never happened.

"I was never friends with her, I would not recognize her," the candidate's wife said of Stoynoff.

However, a sixth person quoted in People's story on Tuesday, Liza Herz, said she was with Stoynoff and remembers the moment well.

"They chatted in a friendly way," Herz is quoted as saying. "And what struck me most was that Melania was carrying a child and wearing heels."

Disneyland's Tower of Terror making way for 'Guardians' ride

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—"The Twilight Zone" is ceding way to "Guardians of the Galaxy" on Disneyland's popular Tower of Terror ride, but a change that could be seen as a victory for millennials' pop culture over baby boomers' is drawing complaints from thrill-seekers of all ages.

The plan was greeted with boos as soon as it was announced to fans during a "Guardians" panel at Comic-Con in San Diego in July. Negative votes are outpacing positive ones by a 3-to-1 margin on a YouTube video describing the project. A Slate article on the plan to close the ride in January described it as "a national tragedy." An online petition questioned why Disney would replace what it called a "truly inspired and original idea" with "a marketing ploy."

The ride opened in 2004. The voice of "Twilight Zone" creator Rod Serling greets visitors to the mock Hollywood Tower Hotel as they are strapped into seats and plunged down an elevator shaft.

Disney executive Joe Rhode explains in a promotional video that the revamped ride will have the same freefall experience, but everything leading up to it will have a "Guardians" theme when it reopens next year.

Disney didn't respond to a request for comment on the reasoning behind the change, but there's no doubt many riders may be unfamiliar with Serling or his weekly fright fest "Twilight Zone" series that began airing in the 1960s. "Guardians of the Galaxy" was a surprise blockbuster in 2014 and a sequel is set for next year.

Video shows tussle over naked Hillary Clinton statue in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—A statue of a topless, hoofed Hillary Clinton appeared outside a subway station Tuesday, prompting a tussle after one woman purposely knocked it down and sat on it to prevent others from picking it back up.

The display marked the second time a life-size, exaggerated depiction of a naked presidential nominee has surfaced outside a Manhattan subway stop during the general election campaign. In August, an artist's statue of an unclothed Donald Trump was eventually hauled away by city workers.

But the crowd's reaction to the naked Clinton was markedly different from that to the Trump statue, when a largely jovial group of onlookers took photos of it and posed for selfies. Some parts of the portly Trump's genitalia were visible in that statue.

On Tuesday, a woman can be seen on video taken by a reporter for the New York Daily News dragging the life-size structure of the Democratic presidential nominee to the ground, stomping on it and even sitting on top of it to prevent a man from standing it back up again.

"We shouldn't be treated this way. Period," another woman can be heard saying in the video.

It wasn't immediately clear who created the Clinton statue. An activist collective called INDECLINE was behind the naked Trump statue but said in a statement that it had no role in the Clinton one.

A police spokesman said the Clinton statue was eventually removed by whoever brought it to lower Manhattan, and no summonses or tickets were issued.

Representatives for Democratic Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Clinton supporter, haven't responded to questions about the statue. In August, a spokesman for the parks department issued a tongue-and-cheek statement in explaining that the statue of the Republican presidential nominee was removed because it was being displayed without a permit.

"NYC Parks stands firmly against any unpermitted erection in city parks, no matter how small," spokesman Sam Biederman said then.

No-brainer: $300K campaign to rescue Dorothy's ruby slippers

WASHINGTON (AP)—It will take more than three clicks of the heels to preserve the ruby slippers that whisked Dorothy back to Kansas at the end of "The Wizard of Oz."

The slippers, which for more than 30 years have been one of the most beloved items at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, were crafted almost 80 years ago by the MGM Studios prop department. Like most movie props, they weren't built to last. Now, the frayed shoes aren't even ruby-colored anymore—they're more like a dull auburn.

On Monday, the Smithsonian asked the public to help save the slippers, launching a Kickstarter campaign to raise $300,000. In addition to keeping the shoes' color from deteriorating further, the money will go toward a technologically advanced display case that will preserve them for future generations.

AP

This Nov. 9, 2001, file photo shows the sequin-covered ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" at the offices of Profiles in History in Calabasas, Calif.

The Smithsonian's museums are federally funded, but the institution frequently solicits private and corporate contributions for major projects that its budget doesn't cover. This is the Smithsonian's second Kickstarter campaign. In 2015, the National Air and Space Museum raised $700,000 through the crowdfunding site to preserve the spacesuit that Neil Armstrong wore when he walked on the moon.

"This particular pair of ruby slippers really belongs to the American people, and so we thought as we sought support that we would invite the public to join us on this journey to help preserve them for the next generation," said Melinda Machado, a museum spokeswoman.

If the Kickstarter campaign is successful, the slippers will be the second-most-researched item in the museum's collection, behind the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner," said Richard Barden, the museum's head of conservation.

It's a boy for Kerry Washington and ex-NFL player husband

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kerry Washington has given birth to her second child, but in typical fashion kept news of the arrival of her son under wraps for nearly two weeks.

A birth certificate obtained Tuesday shows the "Scandal" star her husband, former NFL player Nnamdi Asomugha, welcomed their son Caleb Kalechi Asomugha on Oct. 5.

The couple also has a two-year-old daughter.

Washington and Asomugha are protective of their privacy. The actress jokingly denied she was pregnant in an interview with The Associated Press in August while promoting her work with a domestic violence charity.

Weeks later, she walked the Emmys red carpet in a custom black strapless gown with cutouts above her waist to accentuate her baby bump.

The birth was first reported by E! News .

Michelle Obama shines in Versace at White House dinner

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michelle Obama dazzled at her final state dinner as first lady, wearing a figure-hugging, floor-length rose gold chainmail gown.

She chose Italian label Atelier Versace for the White House dinner honoring Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and his wife, Agnese Landini. Mrs. Obama has a tradition of wearing dresses to state dinners by designers representing the nation being honored.

The sleeveless gown showcased the first lady's famously sculpted arms and its draped design highlighted her figure. She enhanced the disco vibe of the sparkly dress with sleek, straight hair and side-swept bangs.

Prosecutors: Cosby used fame and fortune to hide his crimes

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Suburban prosecutors on Tuesday accused Bill Cosby's "cadre of high-priced lawyers" of stretching the truth as they try again to get a sexual-assault case against him thrown out.

The two sides have filed dueling legal briefs before a key pretrial hearing next month. The Nov. 1 hearing could determine if the case moves forward, if more accusers testify and whether jurors can hear Cosby's prior testimony about giving women drugs and alcohol before trying to have sex with them.

Cosby's lawyers complain it's unfair to make him defend events from a 2004 sexual encounter. They have argued Cosby, who's 79 years old and blind, can't recognize his accusers or even remember if he's ever met them.

However, Montgomery County prosecutors argued on Tuesday that Cosby, once known as America's Dad for his beloved portrayal of Dr. Cliff Huxtable on his top-ranked "The Cosby Show" in the 1980s and '90s, used his fame and fortune "to conceal his crimes" for years.

They said they reopened the case last year because they had new evidence from a long-sealed Cosby deposition from the accuser's 2006 civil lawsuit and from the dozens of other accusers who came forward after the deposition was released.

"He is an individual who has used his fame and fortune for decades to conceal his crimes and hide his true nature," District Attorney Kevin Steele wrote, noting Cosby fought repeated efforts by The Associated Press to unseal documents from the civil case file.

Cosby is set to go on trial in June. Prosecutors have asked the judge to let 13 other accusers testify to support Andrea Constand's claims that Cosby drugged and molested her. The AP typically doesn't name people who say they are sexual-assault victims, but Constand's lawyer has given permission for her to be named.

Prince's siblings: Purported niece, grandniece are not actual heirs

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Prince's siblings say a woman and girl purported to be his niece and grandniece have no genetic connection to the late superstar and should not be named as heirs to his estate, according to court documents made public Tuesday.

Attorneys for Prince's siblings and half-siblings argued that Brianna Nelson and Victoria Nelson aren't Prince's heirs as a matter of law, and a judge should deny their claims. A hearing on the issue is set for Friday.

Prince, 57, died April 21 of an accidental fentanyl overdose in his Paisley Park studio and estate. He left no known will.

Brianna Nelson and her niece, Victoria Nelson, have filed court documents claiming they are descendants of the late Duane Nelson Sr., who they say was Prince's half brother. They don't claim a genetic link, but say Prince's biological father considered Duane Nelson as his own son and Prince treated Duane like a brother. Duane died in 2011.

Woman's disappearing act ends four-year relationship

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I was "ghosted" by a woman I had been in a long-distance relationship with. It lasted four years until one day she just never responded again.

We are both parents, both 30, so it's hard for me to understand how someone could do this to a person you've had a history with and claim to love. It seems like a child's reaction. I'm finding it hard to move past this, because I have no idea what happened.

I feel blindsided. Could she have been hurt or died? I have no one to contact and no way to know. My question is, how does one go about moving past this, since it wasn't a typical breakup? I would really appreciate your thoughts.

CAN'T GO FORWARD

DEAR CAN'T GO: What the person did was cowardly, but I'm sorry to say it isn't that unusual these days. What IS unusual is that during the four years you were in a relationship, you never met any of her friends or family, and have no idea how to contact her. Are you absolutely sure she is who she claimed to be and not a catfisher?

I agree that for someone to do what she did was childish. It was also brutal, and you may need counseling to help you get over it and learn to trust again.

DEAR ABBY: My question may seem odd, but your advice would be appreciated.

I have family who live in another city and have a medium-sized active dog. I have invited them to visit me in my newly built home, which has soft pine floors throughout. I mentioned to them that I would like to supply dog booties when they visit so their dog's claws -- and the grit that gets caught up between its toes—would not scratch my brand-new floors. We are a family who has always removed our shoes when we enter a home.

I have tried inviting them numerous times over the past two years, but they always have an excuse why they can't visit. Another family member told me that a comment was made that, "If we have to put booties on our dog and they want a showcase home, then it will be empty of us." Am I being silly and too particular with my request and thereby causing ill feelings within the family?

DOG BOOTIES IN CANADA

DEAR DOG BOOTIES: Your request is neither picky nor "silly." After paying top dollar for a new floor, I know I certainly wouldn't want somebody's pet scratching it up. A considerate guest would either comply or leave the dog at home. If they prefer not to accept your invitation, LET THEM.

DEAR ABBY: I love to cook for my family. My granddaughter has now become a vegan. It has taken away my enjoyment for the fun meals we used to have. I can no longer cook for her, and it has changed the family dynamics. How can I cope with this without being angry?

SAD DOWN SOUTH

DEAR SAD: Allow me to offer two suggestions. Either have your granddaughter bring food with her that she can eat, or widen your repertoire by learning to prepare one vegan dish the entire family can enjoy along with her.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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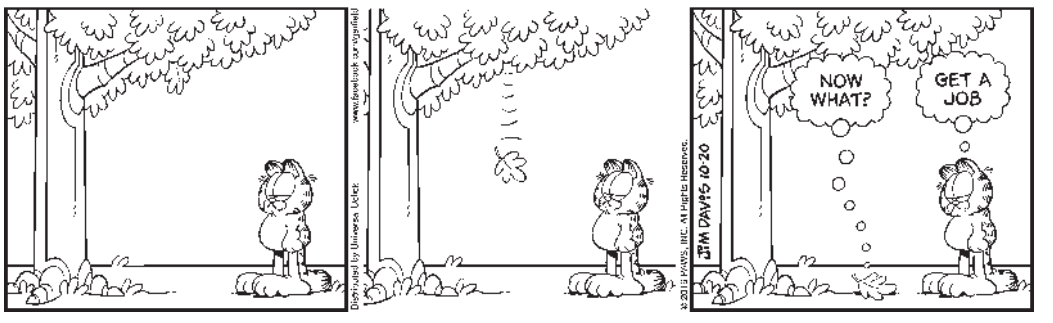

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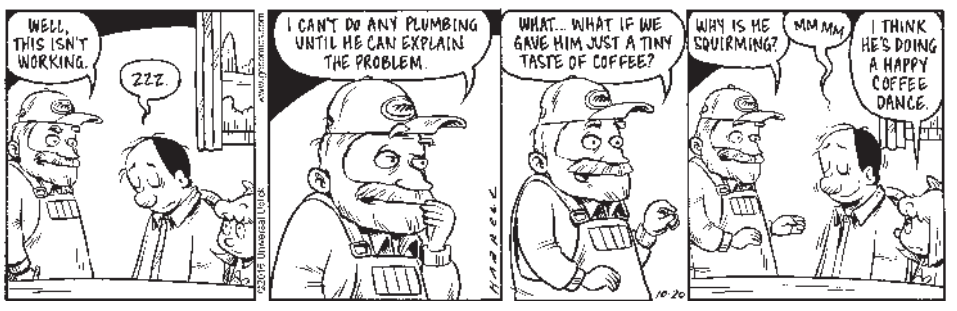
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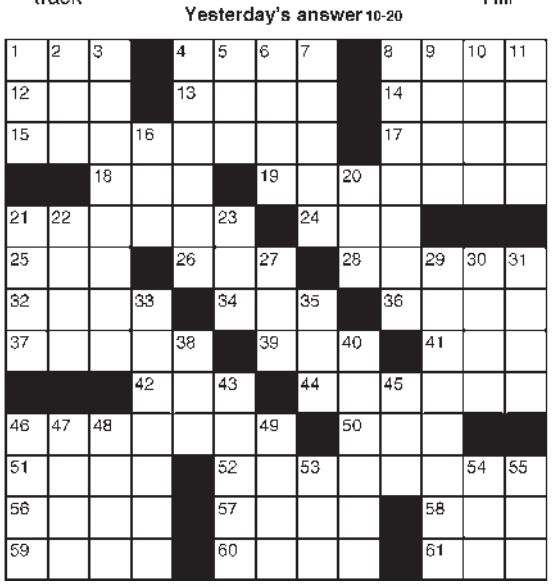

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Happy Birthday: Seize the moment and make the most of the upcoming year. Travel, education, intrigue and adventure are all up for grabs. Express your feelings, close doors that need to be shut, and open ones that offer peace of mind and the chance to follow your heart and your dreams. Make this year count and you will have no regrets. Your numbers are 2, 17, 20, 26, 29, 37, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Stay away from negative people. You will be far more effective if you stay focused on what needs to be done rather than let someone lure you into a stressful debate. Keep your emotions in check. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Speak up if it will help you get a job done on time. Your input will be appreciated if you communicate clearly with those you are working with. Put your best foot forward. Travel and learning are encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Refuse to let someone from your past interfere with what you are trying to achieve now. You have to let go of emotional baggage if you plan to move forward. Focus on self-improvement, romance and exploring new relationships. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't let emotional issues get you down. Embrace the changes going on around you and you will have better control of the outcome. Don't be fooled by someone who is offering unlikely promises. Trust your instincts when dealing with others. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): An idea you come across will sound much better than it turns out to be. Cut your losses and stick to what you know and do best. Don't fold under pressure. Invest in yourself, not someone else's schemes. ✪✪✪✪

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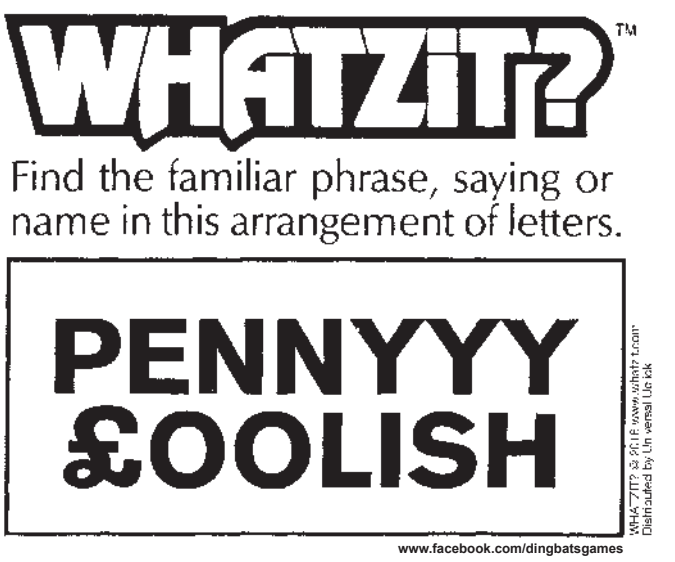

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Hill, Dodgers beat Cubs 6-0 for NLCS lead

AP
Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Rich Hill throws during the first inning of Game 3 of the National League baseball championship series against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rich Hill never strayed from his mindset of pitching in the moment, even when he was far from the major leagues playing independent ball with the Long Island Ducks.

Convinced there would be another opportunity to get back to the big leagues, he focused on executing pitches without worrying about his current circumstances.

Fourteen months later, Hill allowed two hits over six innings to beat Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta and the Chicago Cubs 6-0 Tuesday, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 2-1 NL Championship Series lead.

"It's the biggest game of my career," Hill said. "It's just putting in the work, putting in the time, having a routine, persevere, all those things that you can say to sum up some kind of endurance or resiliency. For me, that's all I've ever known is just work."

Rookie Corey Seager had three hits, including a go-ahead single in the third, and Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer in the fourth.

After winning a big league-high 103 games during the regular season and sparking belief they could win the World Series for the first time since 1908, the Cubs have been shut out in consecutive games for the first time since May 2014, managing just six hits—five of them singles. Their 18 straight scoreless innings mark the longest postseason drought in franchise history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"More than anything, I think we need to get a couple runs and hits and runs early to try to get that kind of feeling back," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said, "because, obviously, when you're not scoring any runs, it makes it even more difficult in the dugout."

Hill, who made two starts in the independent Atlantic League in August 2015 before signing a minor league deal with Boston , struck out six and walked two. Joe Blanton, Grant Dayton and Kenley Jansen finished. Playing their 200th postseason game, the Dodgers posted consecutive shutouts for the first time.

Julio Urias starts Game 4 for the Dodgers on Wednesday and at 20 years, 68 days will become the youngest starting pitcher in postseason history. John Lackey starts for the Cubs.

"He's not scared of the moment," Seager said of Urias. "He's not scared of anything."

Hill was acquired from Oakland along with Josh Reddick at the Aug. 1 trade deadline. The 36-year-old left-hander struggled with a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand that landed him on the disabled list from mid-July to late August. The blister still bothered him in the final weeks of the regular season, and Dodgers manager Dave Roberts pulled him after seven perfect innings against Miami on Sept. 10, saying the team had to keep its focus on bigger goals in October.

Hill was strong from the start against one of his former teams, retiring the side to open the game and later eight in a row. He's given up one run in 23 innings over four home starts for the Dodgers, lowering his ERA to 0.39.

"When he's got that attitude out there, you can tell," Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez said. "That's when you know he's rolling, that his pitches are working, and he's doing what he wants to do out there."

Seager's go-ahead single ended an 0-for-15 slide with runners in scoring position in postseason play.

Grandal was 0 for 5 with three strikeouts against Arrieta in his career before he launched a 3-2 pitch into the right-field pavilion in the fourth for a 3-0 lead. Grandal drove in Reddick, who singled and stole second and third.

"He's been so good for the last couple years just because he doesn't give in," Grandal said of Arrieta. "He still made a really good pitch down in the zone. I was just lucky to put a swing on it and hit it out."

Justin Turner homered on the first pitch leading off the sixth to chase Arrieta, who gave up four runs and six hits in five innings. He dominated the Dodgers in his previous two starts against them, including a no-hitter at Dodger Stadium on Aug. 30, 2015. Los Angeles had gone 2 for 51 against him in two games.

"It's hard to go out there and pitch when your team is not scoring, so you try to be perfect. You can't make any mistakes. If you give up one run, that can be it," Cubs catcher Miguel Montero said. "He had one of his best stuff all year, to be honest."

Joc Pederson doubled in a run in the eighth and Grandal hit a run-scoring groundout .

Maddon moved struggling Anthony Rizzo from third to the cleanup spot, and his broken-bat infield hit in the ninth made him 2 for 26 in the postseason. Addison Russell, dropped from fifth to seventh, is 1 for 24. Jason Heyward struck out as a pinch hitter and is 2 for 19.

Chicago's 3-4-5 hitters went 1 for 11 in the game and are 2 for 32 in the series without an RBI.

Dexter Fowler's two-out double in the eighth provided the Cubs' first extra-base hit since their 8-4 win in the opener.

"There's no doubt here," third baseman Kris Bryant said. "We certainly have all the belief in the world. It's a powerful thing when you believe."

With a win Wednesday, the Dodgers could try to finish the series at home.

"These guys won 100-some games. They've got the talent, so you can't think ahead," Grandal said. "If you think ahead, that's when bad things happen."

Blue Jays stave off ALCS elimination, beat Indians 5-1

TORONTO (AP)—Just in time, Josh Donaldson and the Toronto Blue Jays broke out the bats to save their season.

Now they have a chance to really make things interesting in this AL Championship Series.

Donaldson backed up his fiery pep talk to teammates before the game, hitting a home run and turning in a timely diving stop Tuesday to help the Blue Jays avert a sweep with a 5-1 win over the Cleveland Indians.

The Indians still lead the matchup 3-1, but with a couple of big hits and a strong outing by Aaron Sanchez, Toronto handed them their first loss of this postseason.

"I'm not going to give too much away of what I had to say, but just more so getting everybody's attention and focus and understanding," Donaldson said. "I mean, everybody knew coming into today how important today was. But at the same time I just wanted to kind of reiterate that and let the boys know that I was coming to play today."

Cleveland will try again Wednesday to win to earn its first World Series trip since 1997, but the big concern for the Indians coming into the series - an injury-riddled rotation - still lingers. In Game 5, Cleveland will start Ryan Merritt, who has pitched just 11 innings in the majors, against Marco Estrada.

It was an emotional day all around at Rogers Centre, where the home crowd had fallen silent watching the season slipping away because of a slumbering offense that totaled only three runs in the first three games of the series.

"I thought we battled pretty good today, with the bats," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "Naturally, when you score, which we haven't been doing, it always looks good."

Donaldson's solo shot to left-center field off Corey Kluber in the third put the Blue Jays ahead for the first time all series. Two innings after that, the star third baseman made an outstanding play to preserve a one-run edge.

Sanchez, the American League ERA champion, allowed a run and two hits in six innings, and the bullpen finished with three perfect innings.

Kluber was starting on three days' rest for the first time in his career.

"I felt fine. I don't think it physically affected me. I made a mistake to Donaldson," Kluber said. "We're one win away from the World Series and that's what we're focused on."

Kluber hadn't allowed a run in either of his first two starts this postseason. Donaldson, the reigning AL MVP and sporting a still freshly shaved face, opened the scoring with his first home run of these playoffs.

The wild-card Blue Jays made it 2-0 in the fourth when Ezequiel Carrera's blooper fell between three Cleveland fielders in left-center for an RBI single.

Roberto Perez hit an RBI double in the fifth off Sanchez. Carlos Santana's two-out grounder to the left side might have had a chance to score him, but Donaldson made the play to his left , then popped up and danced off the field with a bit of a fist pump.

"I was locked in," Donaldson said. "It helps when you have a guy like Sanchez in the zone, where you can really focus in on a certain area of the strike zone. And I was able to get a really good read off the bat, and I was fortunate enough to be able to make the play."

The Indians didn't have another baserunner after that. Brett Cecil, Jason Grilli and Roberto Osuna pitched an inning each in relief for Toronto.

Taking no chances, Gibbons brought in Osuna, his closer, in a non-save situation to finish off Cleveland.

The Indians were trying to become the third team to sweep a Division Series and Championship Series in the same postseason. The 2007 Colorado Rockies and 2014 Kansas City Royals both did it.

Cleveland had won nine in a row, including three straight over Boston in the ALDS.

The Indians had a chance to take the lead in the third when Tyler Naquin hit a leadoff double and went to third on a sacrifice. Sanchez retired Santana on a soft grounder with the infield in, and then Jason Kipnis also grounded out.

Sexual consent, debated across US, key to Derrick Rose case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Months before Derrick Rose took the stand to defend himself in a lawsuit claiming he and two friends raped an ex-girlfriend while she was intoxicated, the NBA star was asked if he understood the word "consent."

"No. But can you tell me?" he asked at a deposition in June.

Rose came to court last week with a much better grasp of the word that is central to the $21 million civil case, though his interpretation of the concept could prove costly.

No one disputes the New York Knicks player and his friends had sex with the woman in her apartment Aug. 27, 2013. The question is whether she gave her consent—as the men claim—or whether she was too incapacitated to do so—as she insists.

There is no commonly accepted definition for consent, which is at the heart of a "patchwork quilt" of evolving laws on rape and sexual assault that in some cases require an affirmative agreement before sex, attorney Rebecca O'Connor said.

"It is murky, and I think that's where we're seeing a lot states try to clear the weeds, if you will, and take this on and make it clear," said O'Connor, a vice president at the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. "It's so complicated we can never just say it's black and white."

Rape was once defined as intercourse with force against a woman's will, said Matt Lyon, a law professor at Lincoln Memorial University. Reform efforts in some states led to rape being defined more by the non-consent of the victim than a use of force by the perpetrator.

States such as California have gone further in deciding that consent can be withdrawn during sex and that a victim can be too incapacitated to agree to the act.

"One of the big criticisms against the modernization is the 'he said, she said,'" Lyon said. "It's so easy when it's clear there was force used, but here the woman may say it was rape though there's no physical evidence of force or that it was done against her will."

That is the situation in the Rose case, where the woman said she blacked out after drinking earlier in the night and felt drugged after downing a few shots of tequila at Rose's Beverly Hills mansion. With no physical evidence, the case hinges as much on her credibility as that of the three men.

The woman said she went home from Rose's place, vomited and woke up around 3 a.m. to find Rose, Ryan Allen and Randall Hampton having sex with her and she was too incapacitated to stop it.

Rose may have been tripped up by the word "consent" in his videotaped deposition, but he tried to recover at trial by defining it as both parties being in agreement. He also connected dots he felt outlined consent, including the woman's racy texts that started 17 hours earlier saying he made her "horny."

"Maybe she sent suggestive texts or emails, but that doesn't prove she consented to it at the time," said Evan Lee, a law professor at the University of California, Hastings College of Law. "A woman may be willing to have sex 23 hours in the day, but if he has sex in that 24th hour when she's not willing, then that's rape if he knows she doesn't want to."

Rose testified that he assumed consent based on their sexual history, the fact she had never denied him and because of sex acts she initiated with him and his friends at the Beverly Hills house earlier in the night. He and his friends all said the woman seemed sober and she willingly participated.

When the three men entered her apartment that morning, defense lawyer Mark Baute said in closing arguments Tuesday that she told them "one at a time" and welcomed them with "open arms and open legs."

The Associated Press is not naming the woman because it generally does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault.

Her lawyer argued that the defense concocted a story to show the woman consented through her sexually aggressive behavior, but he said it amounted to blaming the victim.

"It's an attempt to slut shame the plaintiff, which generally happens in these type of cases," attorney Waukeen McCoy said.

The topic of consent and whether someone is too incapacitated to agree to sex have been part of a broader discussion after allegations that Bill Cosby drugged and molested dozens of women over decades and after outrage over a six-month jail sentence for former Stanford swimmer Brock Turner, who sexually assaulted an unconscious woman.

The topic has even crossed into the presidential campaign with the emergence of a 2005 recording of Republican nominee Donald Trump bragging about grabbing women's genitalia and several women accusing him of groping them.

"People are starting to recognize that even if they didn't fit whatever mythological circumstance people think needs to happen in order for it to be rape or sexual assault, that there is in fact that gray area where it's still nonconsensual," O'Connor said. "Even if you wore a skirt or you didn't outwardly force someone off you, this may legally fall into the realm of sexual assault."

AP
Derrick Rose arrives at Federal Court in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016. Testimony is scheduled to resume in the lawsuit against Rose and two friends by a woman who claims she was raped while incapacitated three years ago.

Barkley says Warriors still a flawed team even with Durant

NEW YORK (AP)—Charles Barkley didn't want Kevin Durant to join the Golden State Warriors and isn't sure Durant changes things now that he's there.

In Barkley's mind, the Warriors are still a flawed team.

"Let me say this: I still think they got some of the same issues this year with that team," Barkley said Tuesday.

"Can they rebound the ball? They're going to still be shooting jumpers. They're not going to get any low-post scoring. Can that type of play hold up through the rigors of the NBA playoffs? I'm still going to say the same thing I've always said: No."

The Warriors won a record 73 games in the regular season but blew a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals and lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Golden State then signed Durant, the former NBA MVP, in the offseason.

That's made the Warriors the favorites to regain the title they won in 2015, though Barkley said they were "lucky" then because their road was filled with teams weakened by injuries. Cleveland was already without Kevin Love in those Finals and lost Kyrie Irving near the end of Game 1.

The Cavs were healthy last year, and Barkley picked them to beat the Warriors.

"When I told you they couldn't play that little small ball and win a championship if everybody they played was healthy, that they'd wear down, and they did. I told you Cleveland was going to beat them and they did," Barkley said during a lunch before TNT's "Inside the NBA" studio team was elected to the Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Barkley and the team will host their show Tuesday night in Cleveland outside Quicken Loans Arena, where the Cavaliers will receive their rings before facing New York in their season opener. The Warriors will play San Antonio in the nightcap of TNT's doubleheader.

Barkley, a Hall of Fame player who never won a championship, was disappointed that Durant left Oklahoma City for an easier chance at a title with the star-studded Warriors, who have two-time MVP Stephen Curry and fellow All-Stars Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

If they win, Barkley said, the title won't mean as much to Durant as it would have in Oklahoma City, where he had played since the Thunder franchise moved from Seattle in 2008 after his rookie season. Durant has been booed in rival arenas since his decision and has angered some of his former fans with what appeared to be criticisms of Russell Westbrook and his former team.

"He's made himself a villain by taking all these shots at Oklahoma City for no reason. There's no reason for that," Barkley said. "He left, he's happy, shut up. When you're taking shots at Russell and those guys, that's not necessary."

Silver: NBA All-Star Game in Charlotte in 2019 'a priority'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Tuesday that returning the All-Star Game to Charlotte in 2019 is "a high priority," provided there's a resolution to a North Carolina law that restricts the rights of LGBT people.

The NBA recently decided to move the 2017 All-Star Game to New Orleans because it didn't believe it could successfully host the All-Star Game and related events in Charlotte under the climate created by the law known as House Bill 2. Los Angeles hosts the game in 2018.

Silver spoke following a ceremony in Charlotte in which Hornets owner Michael Jordan unveiled the first of three refurbished neighborhood basketball courts.

"We were in an unfortunate position that we were moving the game, so for me it is a high priority given the investments in the arena, given the investments in the team that Michael and his ownership group has made, and the city and state have made in the Hornets," Silver said.

Several concerts and sporting events have been relocated from North Carolina because of HB2.

Jordan was not made available for interviews.

In a statement to the Charlotte Observer in April, Jordan said the Hornets "are opposed to discrimination in any form, and we have always sought to provide an inclusive environment."

The law excludes gender identity and sexual orientation from local and statewide anti-discrimination protections. It also requires transgender people to use restrooms at schools and government buildings corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates.

Silver was reluctant to talk about what he wants to see changed with the HB2 law, but he did say he thinks it is a misnomer to call it the "bathroom bill," as some have dubbed it.

"The issues that we are primarily focused on are those of acceptance and inclusiveness— and the bill goes far beyond directing what bathrooms people should use," Silver said. "From that standpoint, it has been misrepresented. Ultimately for us, it's about creating the right environment, specifically for a celebratory event like our All-Star team."

Eli Manning just wants Beckham to keep playing football

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—For those who thought Eli Manning was getting a little tired of the weekly antics of Odell Beckham Jr.—guess again.

The New York Giants veteran quarterback said Tuesday that everything is just fine between him and the 23-year-old receiver who had a career day Sunday, catching eight passes for 222 yards and two touchdowns in a 27-23 win over the Baltimore Ravens.

In a radio interview Monday, Manning gave an answer that seemed to indicate his was tired of Beckham's antics after the wide out was flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for taking off his helmet following a winning 66-yard catch and run.

The extra 15 yards gave Baltimore better field position for its final drive, which reached the Giants 24-yard line.

AP

New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham (13) celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Giants won 27-23.

Manning insisted the tired remark referred to the media being tired of writing every week about Beckham's emotions, rants, tiffs and interactions with the kicking net on the Giants sideline after big plays.

"I'm fine with it," said Manning, who threw for 403 yards and three touchdowns in the win. "He's doing a lot of good things and playing the game the right way. He just has to make sure the celebrations and what's going on aren't hurting the team in any way."

Manning said he gets asked about Beckham every time he talks. He answers all the questions.

"Odell and I have a great relationship. We talk about a lot of things," Manning said. "We're on the same page. He knows that I'm always looking out for him and understands that you can say things that can get taken one way. Odell and I are on the same page. I get asked multiple questions about him every week."

Beckham could face a tough opponent this week as the Giants (3-3) get ready to play the Los Angeles Rams (3-3) in London.

The teams met two years ago, and the Rams tried to bully Beckham.

"That's everyone," Manning said. "We have to understand that we have to be smart and play football. We don't need the extracurricular activities. We just have to go out there and do our job. Keep it about football. Shouldn't be that hard."

Saipan Paddling Club thanks sponsors

Saipan Paddling Club has expressed its appreciation to companies and individuals who are supporting the group's participation the Micro Cup 2016 in Palau this weekend.

"The Saipan Paddling Club would like to give a huge thank you to the Governor's Office, Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation (SNILD), IT&E, TanHoldings, Pacific Islands Club, Bridge Capital, LLC, Marpac, Reps. Edmund Villagomez, Angel Demapan, J.P. Sablan, Larry Guerrero, and B.J. Attao, Danny and Paz Calvo, and DBM Fish Mart for their generous donation to help us participate in the Micronesian Cup in Palau," SPC said in a media statement.

"To all the families, friends, and everyone who participated in all our fundraisers that was all held at the Oleai Beach Bar & Grill, thank you for your overwhelming and tremendous support. Thank you all for making it possible for the Saipan Paddling Club to represent the CNMI in Palau," SPC added.

The club's junior girls team and men's and women's squads will be competing in the 500m and 1,500m sprint races and the three long distance events—6-, 10-, and 12-mile courses—in Palau from Oct. 21 to 23. ***(PR)***

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Sekiguchi slid to second place in Series 2, but eclipsed her time in the first leg after completing the two-lap race in 15:28. Sekiguchi's teammate Victoria Torres, who was ranked second in Series 1, went down to third, but had a better time—from 17:37 in the first leg to 17:06 in the last weekend's races.

Agape Christian School's Elizabeth Zu (18:36) and Hopwood's Windy Ly (18:43) rounded out the Top 5, while 16 others joined the finishers list—15 of them from Agape and one from Saipan Community School.

In the boys U13 age group, there was a repeat winner in Mt. Carmel School's Dominic Torres, who completed the two-lap race in 14:50. He topped the first leg with a time of 14:28. Saipan Community School's Mateo Guerrero came in at second with a faster time of 15:02 (from 15:13 in the first leg), while Dandan Middle School's Xavier Sumor also surpassed his Series 1 time (16:47) after a field third-best 15:11. Twenty other runners made it to the finish line of the two-mile course.

In the girls U15 division, Saipan International School's Anika Synder and Tania Tan and Agape's Annie Wang duplicated their feats in Series 1 with another 1-2-3 finish in last weekend's races. Synder submitted 14:48 in Series 2 to break her Series 1 mark (15:21). The runner-up Tan also had a faster time in the second leg with her 15:41 (from 16:28), while Wang logged 20:01, more than two minutes better than her record (22:06) in the first leg. Six other runners finished the division race.

In the boys U15, Series 1 runner-up Clayton Izuka this time finished on top of his division after posting 12:58. He was the lone runner to cut the tape under the 13-minute mark and his time also eclipsed his record (13:55) in the first leg.

Marianas High School's Taiga Sato placed second in his first competition in the series after timing in at 13:37, while Series 1 fourth finisher David Cai of Agape moved up to third after registering 13:54. Cai had a faster time in the second leg, as he tallied 14:32 in the first. Izuka, Sato, and Cai were joined on the finishers list by 20 other runners.

In the boys U18, there were eight finishers led by Agape's Alan Zhao, who capped the three-lap course in 19:58. Zhao was runner-up to teammate Caleb Wang in the first leg and his time in the Series 2 not only shattered his own record (20:46), but also the latter's mark (20:45). Wang settled for a runner-up finish in the second leg, but had a faster time at 20:18. Mt. Carmel School's Christian Villacrusis, who missed Series 1, came in at third with his 22:06, while five more Agape students completed the longest race of the weekend.

In the girls U18, Isabel Dickinson made it back-to-back after checking in at 24:56. She made it to the finish line more than two minutes ahead of Agape's Ella Zhang, who clocked in at 27:25 to beat her Series 2 time (28:44). Zhang was also the runner-up in the first leg, while teammate Daisy Yang had another third place finish after recording 28:21 last weekend and surpassing her Series 1 mark (29:36).

Nine other runners finished the girls U18 race last weekend, while participants in the middle and high school races totaled 118, over 40 than the turnout in the first leg.

Meanwhile, the third leg of the series will still be held at the CPA field, but with a different start time. Middle and high school races will begin at 7am, while elementary competitions will start at 7:50am.

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score for BSI-Blue Eagle with his 17 points, while Matt Duenas had 10 in his debut with the team. Melvin Villarin also finished in twin digits with his 10 markers to help BSI-Blue Eagles build a 38-29 halftime lead. Villarin played only in the first 20 minutes of the game.

8th Division then moved within a deuce after the third period, 51-53, behind Kelvin Fitial, Lauron, and Jun Alipio, who combined for 20 of the squad's 22 points in the penultimate quarter. 8th Division continued to recover and even went up by 5 points, 61-56, down to the last three minutes of the match.

However, 8th Division failed to hang on to the lead as Schmidt and Duenas came to BSI-Blue Eagle's rescue in the end. Schmidt scored 8 straight points, including back-to-back triples before his game-winning split, while Duenas also had a string of 4 markers late in the game.

Meanwhile, in the second match, PC Bargain/Visminda notched its first win after a 0-2 start following an 82-70 victory over Maplas/Akap Pinoy (0-2).

James Villacrusis starred in PC Bargain's triumph after exploding for 46 points. He had 13 points in the fourth quarter, including the team's last 9 markers to give PC Bargain the double-digit winning margin.

PC Bargain was ahead by only 3 at the start of the final canto, 59-56, and earlier in the third was behind, 41-46, when Villacrusis took matters into his own hands to end the team's two-game skid.

Albert Reyes and Mel Manibusan backed Villacrusis up, combining for 24 points. Angelo Fernando had 20 markers on a losing cause for the winless Maplas.

First Game

BSI-Blue Eagle 70 — Schmidt 17, Duenas 10, Villarin 10, Pablo 6, Raho 6, Jinang 6, Standish 5, Hammond 4, Tobias 3, Rabago 3.

8th Division 69 — Lauron 18, Fitial 12, Alipio 12, J. Tabora 10, Catalla 6, Itibus 6, Tenorio 3, D. Tabora 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 38-29, 53-51, 70-69.

Second Game

PC Bargain 82 — Ja. Villacrusis 46, Reyes 14, Manibusan 10, Reporsado 7, Legaspi 5, Munoz 4, Alegre 3.

Maplas 70 — Fernando 20, Viray 19, Sanguyo 10, Galulu 7, Usi 4, Verano 4, Joson 3.

Scoring by quarters: 22-16, 41-40, 59-56, 82-70.

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converted his shot in the eighth minute. Sato's goals also came in the opening half with the first one registered in the 21st and the second in the 33rd.

Joining Shirley's and Kanoa on the Division B leaderboard was the CNMI Boys U16 National Team, which whipped Dragon FC, 6-0.

Mark Esalan sparked the Teen Ayuyus' demolition of Dragon FC after drilling three goals in consecutive fashion. He began his hat trick in the 10th minute and the last two goals came in the 15th and 20th. The CNMI bets made it a 4-0 halftime advantage when John Michael Rojas found his target in the 30th minute. Louie Calayad and Anthony Fruit completed the Teen Ayuyus lopsided win in the second half after scoring in the 45th and 68th minute, respectively.

DIVISION A

TanHoldings 1, Paire 0

TanHoldings took the early lead in the division following a close win over Paire.

Jershwin Angeles scored the winning goal in the 61st minute to lift TanHoldings to a 2-0-0 record for first place in the six-team field.

The division leading team paces Sun Palace (1-0-1), MP United (1-0-0), Paire (0-0-1), Matansa (0-0-2), and Korean Football Association on Saipan (0-0-0).

Sun Palace 4, Matansa 0

Sun Palace barged into the win column after losing its debut following a shutout victory against Matansa.

Hyun Jun Roh recorded two goals for Sun Palace in the second half to cap the team's dominance of Matansa, while Guangzhi Jin and Jun Sik Kim posted one apiece in the first half.

Sun Palace will go for its second straight triumph this Sunday at the Oleai pitch when it meets KFAS at 12:30pm. In an earlier match at 10:30am, Kanoa will vie for win No. 3 versus Dragon FC, while on Saturday at 4:30pm, it will be a battle between winless squads as the CNMI Women's National Team duels the Thundercats.

Other games this weekend (Sunday) are TanHoldings vs MP United at 2pm at the Oleai pitch; Shirley's vs CNMI U16 at 2pm at the Hopwood Junior High School Field; and Matansa vs Paire at 3:30pm at the Oleai pitch.

2016 NMA All Schools Cross Country Series 2

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The second wave of runners heads out to the course during the middle and high school division races of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series 2 held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Female students lead the third wave of runners leaving the starting line.

The last wave of runners tries to catch up with the leaders.

Agape Christian School' Alan Zhao is about to complete the first of the three-lap race in the high school division, while Saipan International School's Clayton Izuka is not far behind.

Saipan International School's Tania Tan, left, and Isabel Dickinson near completion of the first lap of the race.

A group of runners keeps a steady pace as they have one more lap to go to finish the race.

Runners check race officials to have their times recorded.

Hopwood Junior High School's Conatsu Kaga sprints to the finish line, while two Agape Christian School runners take their time to complete the race.

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BSI-Blue Eagle, PC Bargain win

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Best Sunshine International-Blue Eagle/SMF gained a share of the lead in the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League after escaping with 70-69 win over 8th Division/MAFEA last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Douglas Schmidt had a split from the free throw line in the last 2 seconds of the match to lift BSI-Blue Eagles to the close victory and a 2-0 record. Schmidt was fouled by Alex Lauron and missed his first charity before making the second one to put BSI-Blue Eagle on top of the nine-team field, tying idle Ali'i Blue Haus/Bayani. The two undefeated teams will battle for the solo lead tonight as they collide in the second game.

8th Division fell to a 1-2 mark, as Amor Zapata's long heave did not even cross the half court line. The 8th Division playing coach had to force a shot as they were left without a timeout in the dying seconds of the match. Earlier before Schmidt went to the free throw stripe, Jun Tabora went 2-for-2 from the foul line to force a deadlock, 69-all.

BSI-Blue Eagle sued for time with eight seconds remaining on the clock. Schmidt then received the inbound pass from Tony Raho and the former was way too far from the basket—from the top key—when Lauron reached in for a steal and was called for a crucial foul.

Schmidt went on to top-

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PC Bargain/Visminda's James Villacrusis pulls up for a one-hander during the second quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

3-way tie for Division B lead

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Matansa Football Club defenders build a wall, while Sun Palace FC players wait for a free kick from their teammate during the second half of their Division A game in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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Three teams got their second win over the weekend to share the Division B lead in the fall season of the M-League.

First to get victory No. 2 in as many matches was Kanoa Football Club after it blanked the CNMI Women's National Team, 4-0, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Four different players scored for Kanoa with Jeon Min Soo starting things off for their team as he found the back of the net just five minutes into the game. Kanoa went on to keep a shaky lead at the break before pulling away in the second half as Ruselle Zapanta, Christian Buno, and Andruw Omelau hit the board in the 34th, 58th, and 73rd minute, respectively.

Kanoa handed the CNMI Women's National Team its second loss as the latter failed to score anew.

Shirley's FC duplicated Kanoa's shutout win in the second game after topping the Thundercats (0-0-2 win-draw-loss record), 3-0.

Kosuke Sato again anchored Shirley's victory after knocking in a pair of goals against the Thundercats last Sunday. Sato made four goals in their 6-1 season-debut triumph over Dragon FC. Panapa Peteru logged the other goal for Shirley's in Week 2 as he

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Repeat winners, faster times recorded

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Faster times and repeat winners in the middle and high school divisions highlighted the second leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

In the girls U13 division, Hopwood Junior High School's Conatsu Kaga joined this year's event for the first time and clocked in 14:06, which was faster than the 16:00 of Series 1 winner Rei Sekiguchi of Saipan International School.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Middle and high school runners leave the starting line during the second leg of the of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.